Minerals Strategy Report Card – Progress towards the Delivery Roadmap actions for 2025/2026

	Productive
✓	Fast-Track Approvals Legislation passed.
✓	RMA reforms passed (consenting pathways).
✓	Improve efficiency by setting and reporting on processing timeframes for permit applications.
✓	Improve visibility of permit applications being assessed.
✓	Improve information and guidance for permit applications.
✓	Improve visibility and access to information about minerals and regulatory framework for potential prospectors, developers, and investors.
Ongoing	Hui with iwi to progress mineral aspirations and inform policy.
Ongoing	Support mining equipment, technology and services (METS) exports.
Ongoing	Investment opportunities promoted internationally.
Ongoing	Support foreign investment through continued partnership between MBIE and NZTE, including encouraging foreign investment in R&D.
Ongoing	Review regulatory settings for new minerals. - Consultation on regulatory proposals for natural and orange hydrogen.
Ongoing	Minerals science, innovation and technology network established.
Ongoing	Evaluate royalty settings.
Ongoing	Investigate rent and compensation settings for public conservation land.
✗	Regional deals package implemented. - Regions with significant minerals royalties not included in current deals. - Rescoped in 2026 Delivery Roadmap to: Continue investigating royalty sharing with regions.

	Valued
✓	Stocktake of New Zealand's known mineral potential.
✓	Improve transparency about regulator decisions and approvals system to reinforce New Zealand's high credentials.
Ongoing	Strengthen stewardship of NZP&M geoscience data collections.
Ongoing	Improve access to data collections
	Resilient
✓	Critical Minerals List developed.
✓	Engage with countries to identify and collaborate on joint initiatives for international trade of critical minerals. - Joined the Minerals Security Partnership (now the Forum on Resource Geostrategic Engagement).
Ongoing	Engage with countries to support supply chain resilience for critical minerals. - Collaborated with the International Energy Agency to address vulnerabilities in critical mineral supply chains.
Ongoing	Explore preferential pathways for critical minerals development.
Ongoing	Investigate wider system settings to enable critical minerals development and supply.
	New Government policy since the launch of the Strategy
✓	$80m funding from the Regional Infrastructure Fund ring-fenced for critical mineral projects, with $50 million allocated to heavy minerals sands projects.
✓	Simplified permitting for small-scale goldminers.
✓	Investment Boost – accelerated depreciation for capital expenditure.
✓	Information for iwi – new landing pages to improve the Treaty partnership experience.
✓	NZP&M Webmaps now show Schedule 3 & 4 land to which restrictions apply.
✓	Mineral reservation over Kermadec Arc renewed.

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VISION: A minerals sector that delivers for New Zealanders, now and into the future, by supporting a productive and resilient economy through responsible and sustainable practices.

GOAL: Double the value of New Zealand's mineral exports to $3 billion by 2035.

PRODUCTIVE

- Review regulatory settings for new minerals.
- Legislation to replace RMA passed.
- Introduce legislation to enable new minerals, tailing recovery, and any rent and royalty settings.
- Continue investigating royalty sharing with regions.
- Enabling legislation implemented.
- Hui with iwi to progress mineral aspirations and inform policy.
- Explore domestic processing and refining initiatives.
- Improve infrastructure resilience in regions with mining operations.
- Support innovation in minerals recycling, recovery and reuse through science and regional development mechanisms.
- Explore workforce development needs, skills and training programmes.
- Support foreign investment through continued partnership between MBIE and NZTE, including encouraging foreign investment in R&D.
- Minerals research strategy developed.
- Minerals science, innovation and technology network established.
- Explore regulatory settings to support minerals recycling, recovery and reuse.
- Investigate rent and compensation settings for public conservation land.
- Support mining equipment, technology and services (METS) exports.
- Investment opportunities promoted internationally.
- Evaluate royalty settings.

PRODUCTIVE OBJECTIVES:

- Improve regulatory pathways to make obtaining permits and consents more efficient.
- Develop a responsible regulatory framework that benefits New Zealand, its communities, and honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Foster sector research, innovation, value add, workforce development, and the mining technology and services industry.
- Attract foreign and domestic investment across the minerals value chain.

VALUED

- Implement improvements to monitoring and reporting on sector performance.
- Improve the collection of Crown and private mineral production data.
- Sector growth pathway modelling investigated.
- Public dashboard for minerals information, decisions and processes developed.
- Investigate ways to monitor and report on sector performance.
- Encourage the sector to engage with communities to share social, cultural, and environmental contributions and case studies.
- Strengthen stewardship of NZP&M geoscience data collections.
- Improve information and transparency about our minerals, their value, contribution and potential.
- Improve access to data collections.

VALUED OBJECTIVES:

- Improve data on New Zealand's mineral resources, production and consumption.
- Increase public understanding of minerals and use, our robust regulatory regime, and sector performance.

RESILIENT

- Review Critical Minerals List.
- Review and evaluate impact of changes to critical minerals settings.
- Implement preferential pathways for critical minerals development.
- Investigate wider system settings to enable critical minerals development and supply.
- Explore preferential pathways for critical minerals development.
- Engage with countries to support supply chain resilience for critical minerals.
- Engage with countries to identify and collaborate on joint initiatives for international trade of critical minerals.

RESILIENT OBJECTIVES:

- Support strategically important critical mineral developments, facilities, and capabilities.
- Build international partnerships on critical minerals with economic partners.

2026 Delivery Roadmap

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