



## BRIEFING

### Report on Pike River Mine Drift Re-entry

<b>Date:</b>	31 October 2018	<b>Priority:</b>	High
<b>Security classification:</b>	In Confidence	<b>Tracking number:</b>	BN1819/0014

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Andrew Little Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-Entry	Note the contents of the report  Approve the proposed approach to re-entry and recovery of the drift	14 November 2018

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Dave Gawn	Chief Executive	03 966 9210	

The following departments/agencies have been consulted
Nil.

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved             | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted                | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn           |

Comments



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### Purpose

This briefing provides a report on an operational plan for safe, technically feasible and legally compliant re-entry and recovery of the Pike River mine drift for your consideration and approval if you agree.

### Recommended action

The Pike River Recovery Agency recommends that you:

- Note** the contents of the report and the plan for re-entry and recovery of the Pike River mine drift  
Noted ✓
- Note** that the recommended approach to re-entry and recovery has been certified by the statutory Site Senior Executive and Mine Manager, and by the Chief Executive of the Agency, to be:
  - Technically feasible
  - Achievable safely; and
  - Consistent with the general requirements set out in the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, the specific requirements set out in the Health and Safety at Work Act (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) 2016, and other relevant legislationNoted ✓
- Note** that the report identifies and discusses three possible approaches to ventilation and egress, and recommends a preferred approach for providing ventilation and access/egress through the existing drift  
Noted ✓
- Note** that there are still significant 'unknowns' that could have a significant impact on how long the project will take, and how much it will cost, in practice  
Noted ✓
- Note** that as the project proceeds dynamic risk assessment management work will continue, continuous monitoring and assessment of conditions actually encountered in the drift will be carried out, and 'zero harm' for everyone involved will remain a non-negotiable 'bottom line' for the project  
Noted ✓



6. **Approve** the plan for re-entry and recovery (based on the recommended approach of single entry and forced ventilation) for final design work and implementation

Approved/Not Approved

7. **Note** the estimated cost of completing the project on this basis and the indicative timeline for doing so

Noted ✓

Dave Gawn  
**Chief Executive**  
Pike River Recovery Agency

31/ 10 / 2018

Hon Andrew Little  
**Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-Entry**

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