



COVERSHEET

Minister	Hon Shane Jones	Portfolio	Resources
Title of Cabinet paper	Final Minerals Strategy and Critical Minerals List for Approval	Date to be published	31 January 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
November 2024	Final Minerals Strategy and Critical Minerals List for Approval	Office of the Minister for Resources
25 November 2024	Final Minerals Strategy and Critical Minerals List for Approval ECO-24-MIN-0266 Minute	Cabinet Office

Information redacted

NO

Any information redacted in this document is redacted in accordance with MBIE's policy on Proactive Release and is labelled with the reason for redaction. This may include information that would be redacted if this information was requested under Official Information Act 1982. Where this is the case, the reasons for withholding information are listed below. Where information has been withheld, no public interest has been identified that would outweigh the reasons for withholding it.



Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

This document contains information for the New Zealand Cabinet. It must be treated in confidence and handled in accordance with any security classification, or other endorsement. The information can only be released, including under the Official Information Act 1982, by persons with the appropriate authority.

Final Minerals Strategy and Critical Minerals List for Approval

Portfolio Resources

On 20 November 2024, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee (ECO):

- 1 **noted** that minerals play an essential role in New Zealand’s economic functions, and that a strategic approach to minerals development is required to ensure there is access to, and a reliable supply of, the minerals that are needed;
- 2 **noted** that a draft Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040 and New Zealand’s Critical Minerals List were released for public consultation in May and September 2024, respectively;
- 3 **noted** that in May 2024, the Cabinet Business Committee invited the Minister for Resources to report back to ECO with the final Minerals Strategy and Critical Minerals List in November 2024 [CBC-24-MIN-0035];
- 4 **noted** that feedback received in public consultation was generally supportive of having a plan to manage the future of minerals development and resilience in New Zealand;
- 5 **noted** that the Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040 and New Zealand’s Critical Minerals List have been finalised, following the feedback received from public consultation and additional analysis;
- 6 **noted** that the Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040 includes a delivery roadmap setting out key actions and deliverables, which officials will update annually;
- 7 **agreed** to the final Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040, attached to the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0266;
- 8 **agreed** to the final New Zealand’s Critical Minerals List, which includes 37 minerals described in the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0266, including gold and metallurgical coal;
- 9 **approved** the release of the Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040, and New Zealand’s Critical Mineral List along with its technical report, as attached to the paper under ECO-24-SUB-0266, before the end of 2024;

- 10 **authorised** the Minister for Resources to make any graphical, technical, and necessary minor amendments to both documents prior to their release.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present:

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon David Seymour
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Chris Bishop (Chair)
Hon Paul Goldsmith
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Matt Doocey
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Nicola Grigg
Hon Mark Patterson

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for ECO