

Minerals Prospecting, Exploration and Mining

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Why Develop or Invest in New Zealand Minerals?

Stable Political and Economic Environment With Low Sovereign Risk

New Zealand offers a transparent, stable political framework, and a robust legal system that supports foreign direct investment.

Established Infrastructure

Extensive road, rail and port networks connect resources with domestic and international markets.

Accessible Utilities

Existing electricity transmission and water sources to support processing facilities.

12 Month Operating Environment

Moderate climate facilitates year-round activities.

Leading Indigenous Relations

Established protocols and legal settlements with Māori iwi (tribes) supporting streamlined collaborative project development.

Free Access to Open File Geodata

Downloadable geodata including geochemical and geophysical information and reports. Core repository and mine plans are available. Visit www.nzpam.govt.nz to see more.

Skilled Workforce

Global expertise in mineral discovery and production. Leaders in environmental management and innovation.

Vibrant Communities

Regional centres offer high-quality residential workforce lifestyles close to sites.

New Zealand Global Rankings



1st

in Australasia and Oceania
for Investment Attraction
Index (12th globally).



2nd

for
Democracy



4th

for
Transparency



5th

for Efficiency and
Business Entry

Sources: Fraser Institute; The Economist Democracy Index; Transparency.org; Worldbank.org

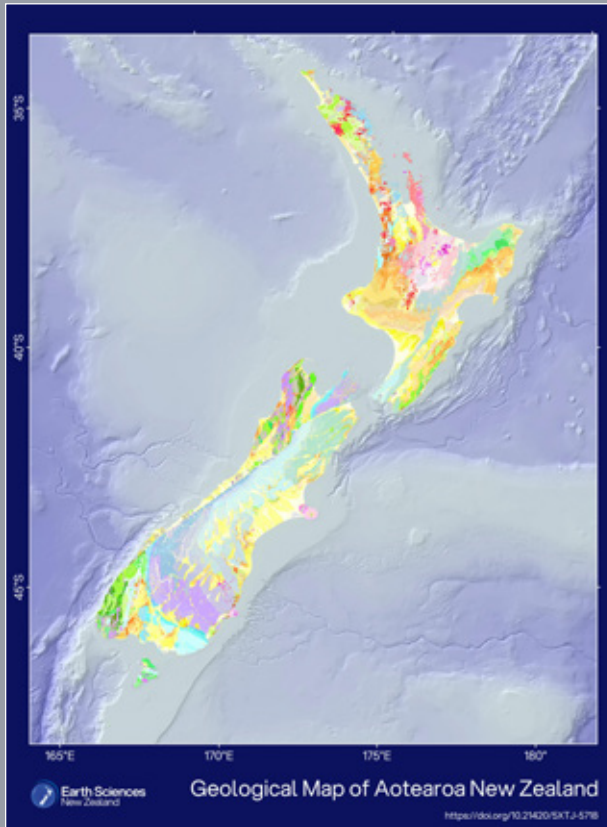


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New Zealand Government

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Gold, Silver, Coal, Iron Sand, Rare Earth Elements, Platinum Group Metals, Antimony, Titanium, Vanadium, Garnet, Zircon, Silica, Potash, Phosphate, Aggregate, Lithium, Tungsten, Nickel, Copper, Cobalt, Hydrogen

A Sector Empowered For Growth

Minerals Strategy to 2040 and Critical Minerals List

A government roadmap to double exports to \$3B by 2035. Recognises growth to meet global demand for key commodities.

Legislated Minerals Fast Track Projects of National Significance

The Fast Track Approval Act (2024) accelerates approvals for major projects in months, not years.

Crown Minerals Act Amended 2025

Introduction of a low-touch Tier 3 permit structure for hobby mining.

Overseas Investment Act Amendment

A predictable and fast decision in 15 days considering a national interest test based on economic benefit.

Export Support with 14 Free Trade Agreements

Including: Australia, China, Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, UAE, EU, and UK.

Supportive Tax and Royalty Regimes

- › 20% accelerated tax depreciation in the first year (in addition to normal tax depreciation).
- › Immediate tax deductions for costs, and ability to carry forward losses.
- › Tier 1 operations: 2% Ad Valorem on Revenue (AVR) or 10% Accounting Profit Royalty (APR).
- › Operating costs (including depreciation on initial and sustaining capital equipment) and restoration costs can be deducted for royalty purposes, and ability to carry forward losses.

Robust Permitting System

A reliable and consistent regulator. Efficient processing of applications.

2024 Mineral Prospectivity Report

Summarised research on mineral assets.