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Our Chief Operating Officer Dinghy Pattinson met with Prof Chris Strawson last week. Chris designed our emergency doors, and the reseal at 170m. He was in Greymouth to sign off the reseal.

## Tunnel resealed at 170m to allow other work to be undertaken in fresh air

Prof Chris Strawson was in NZ last week to visit the mine site and sign off the new seal at the 170m barrier. The 170m barrier has been sprayed to a specified thickness with a type of gypsum-based product to seal off the rest of the drift (Prof Strawson designed the seal). While the seal's in place, it allows the underground team to work on removing the 30m wall and dewatering infrastructure – things like the weirs, gabion baskets and grizzly (large metal grate installed in 2016 to prevent large objects from rolling down the drift and blocking the 30m doors).



*The main fan at the portal area.*

Over the new few weeks the Agency will be monitoring and conducting ventilation trials with the atmosphere inside the drift, before removing the 30m wall and dewatering infrastructure.

Watch a short [video clip](#) of the Chief Executive Dave Gawn and Chief Operating Officer Dinghy Pattinson explaining what's going on.

The latest [weekly updates](#) of work at the mine are available now on the Agency website documents page.

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