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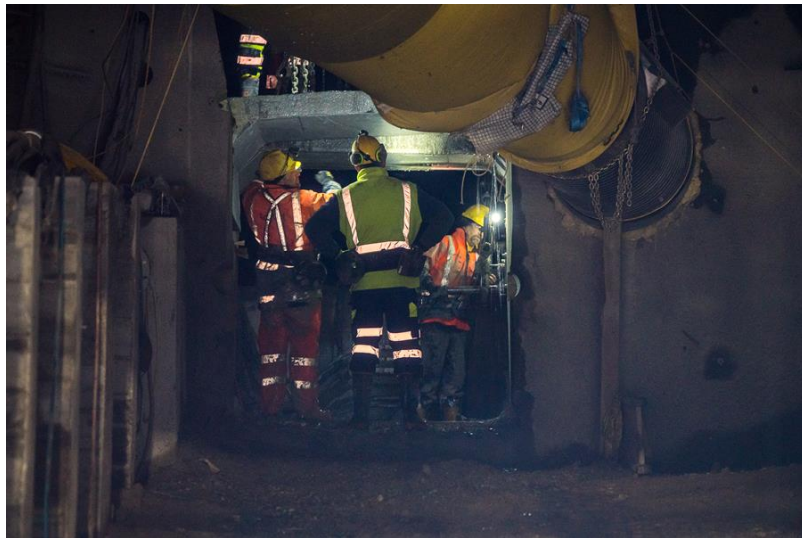
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The jugonaut loader hauling large pieces of the 30m barrier out of the mine.

## Removing the remainder of the 30m barrier

A contractor has been working at the Pike River Mine site for the past week with the mining team to remove the remainder of the 30m barrier, before the several elements of dewatering infrastructure between the 30m and 170m barriers are also removed. The process of removing the barrier, weirs, concrete blocks, gabion baskets and grizzlies (grizzlies are barriers which screen or filter larger material to prevent it washing down the mine drift) is expected to take some weeks.



*Working at the 30m barrier.*

Simultaneously the Agency is preparing its final gas management and ventilation plan, and full execution plan to submit to WorkSafe around the end of August. WorkSafe will then give the plan due consideration and offer any recommendations or feedback before the Agency will proceed to remove the 170m barrier and move into the drift proper.

Chief Operating Officer Dinghy Pattinson believes a realistic timeframe for removing the 170m barrier is “not before the end of September”.

On our website this week are the next tranche of briefings to the Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry Hon Andrew Little; and the Chief Executive's Expenses Disclosure.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available on the Te Kāhui Whakamana Rua Tekau mā Iwa - Pike River Recovery Agency website.

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