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*Discussing ventilation in the Agency this week: Senior Project Manager Lloyd Steward, Geotechnical engineer Chris Lee, expert advisor Darren Brady (Australia), independent advisor to the Minister Rob Fyfe, Chief Operating Officer Dinghy Pattinson, expert advisor Roy Moreby (UK) and Chief Executive Dave Gawn.*

## Meetings with experts & work in the drift tunnel

Agency staff are in ventilation meetings this week with international experts, including WorkSafe and NZ Police . They're focusing on the Ventilation Plan for the drift access tunnel inbye (on the tunnel interior side) of the 170m barrier.

At the mine site, they're taking services up to the 170m barrier. The doors at 170m have been closed (they were closed until 2016 when the seal was moved to 30m). They have been sprayed with a type of concrete to seal off the drift to enable work to be done 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).



*Miners in the drift on 21 May 2019 when it was first re-entered, just behind gabion baskets and "grizzly" barriers. Grizzlies and gabion baskets prevent large material from washing down the drift towards the 30m wall. They will be removed in weeks to come.*

After the 170m barrier is resealed, the team will pause for a week or so to monitor and conduct ventilation trials with the atmosphere inside the drift, before removing the 30m wall and dewatering infrastructure.

This process is expected to take another six to eight weeks.

The latest tranche of [briefings](#) to the Minister Responsible for Pike River Re-entry Hon Andrew Little are available now on the Agency website.

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