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## What a year so far!

I'm writing this on a plane in transit having just attended my son's wedding, in Tokyo! Just prior to that, we had a fantastic two days in Queenstown at the NZ Minerals Forum 2018. Attendance, sponsorship, mood, content, were all excellent and there has been much positive feedback post the Forum. Mining is currently facing a very challenging political environment and it is important that the industry stands up for itself. The NZ Minerals Forum certainly did that.

Minister Woods attended the VIP dinner and the first morning of the Forum. Her Government is running the 'No new mines in conservation land' proposal, but we can say the Minister understands our strong opposing arguments and she is engaging willingly and openly on these issues. I'm sure she would have benefited from the free and frank discussions she had at the Forum. We are pleased the government will consult on how to implement the proposed ban.

The Straterra Board gave it's full support for NZ Minerals Forum 2019 - this will be held at a larger venue in Dunedin on 28 & 29 May 2019 - and we are placing a high priority on working with the AusIMM to get the best outcome for the industry. I'd like to give my personal thanks to Freeman Media and Straterra staff who did an outstanding job and made the Forum the success it was.

As well as the Minerals Forum, this edition of Mined - Your Business includes an update on the work MinEx is doing to improve workplace safety. We also bring to your attention a number of upcoming events and conferences of interest to the sector. On that note, I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Minerals Club on 16 August in Auckland.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to Tracy Lloyd who stepped in, in July 2017 when Jodi took maternity leave. Tracy is heading for a new life in Tauranga and we welcome, as of Monday 11 June, Sarah Walker as our new Business Manager. We encourage members and stakeholders to drop in our office and / or come to our Minerals Club and other events so please make yourself known to Sarah.

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## WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NOT!

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**NZ Minerals Forum  
2019**

Chris Baker  
CEO, Straterra

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**THE STRONGER STRATERRA'S MEMBERSHIP,  
THE GREATER OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE  
MINERAL SECTOR'S GOALS.**

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*As usual a huge thank you to all of our members for your continued support.*

**Wellington's weather**

Your company can join [the wall](#) too!

Joining Straterra is easy, if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member, or if you have any questions or feedback about Straterra membership, please call +64 4 909 7301 or email [Sarah Walker](#) or [Chris Baker](#). More information is available via our website links below:

- [Straterra Charter](#)
- [Join us](#)
- [Our Board](#)

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## **Inaugural NZ Minerals Forum valuable and informative**

The inaugural New Zealand Minerals Forum conference and exhibition, a joint partnership between Straterra and Freeman Media, was a resounding success. The two day event showcased our sector to stakeholders and investors and educated our mining community with numerous weighty issues discussed and ideas and knowledge shared.

We had more than 60 speakers and facilitators who addressed the myriad of issues facing our sector. Highlights were a [speech by Minister of Energy and Resources Megan Woods](#) and the keynote speech by Ilana Miller, National Manager Minerals at New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals, our event Foundation partner. Ilana gave an update on NZP&M's work with government regulatory agencies and presented new initiatives in our regulatory and compliance environment.

Our leaders' panel on sustainable expansion of minerals production was productive and prompted many questions from the floor. They discussed stakeholder engagement in new regions, future thinking around unlocking our minerals wealth and the new Government's policy intentions.

International keynote speaker, founder of yourBusinessChannel Mark Sinclair, shared strategies to help us to navigate this new landscape by telling effective stories about our industry and its valuable contribution to New Zealand.

Other speakers covered topics such as developing an emergency response plan, lobbying Government, tapping into new markets, planning for ongoing implementation of the ETS, introducing new mining technologies, and company investment opportunities.

We thank all our generous sponsors, exhibitors and supporting organisations. Particular thanks goes to our Foundation partner NZP&M, Diamond partners Bathurst Resources and AusIMM, Platinum partner OceanaGold, our gala dinner sponsor Gough CAT, Mine Managers' Forum and welcome reception sponsor, Komatsu, and our gold sponsor, Red Bull.

The Forum had a sell-out 280 attendees and is to be repeated in Dunedin next year.

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## **Forum highlighted need for minerals**



\*Energy and Resources Minister Hon Dr Megan Woods addresses the Forum

A highlight of the Minerals Forum was the speech by Energy and Resources Minister Megan Woods who confirmed the Government would consult with industry on how to implement its 'no new mines on conservation land' policy.

As we said in our [press release](#) distributed during the Forum, the Government must consider the importance of mining to regional economic development.

As an industry, we want to see mining applications on conservation land considered on a case-by-case basis.

Minister Woods also acknowledged in her speech the essential role that green minerals/clean tech minerals will play in the transition to a low carbon economy.

Our [press release](#) on this issue pointed out that locking up conservation land will limit opportunities to discover high value deposits including rare earth minerals. While we support the Government's interest in these minerals, it must provide the right conditions to encourage investment if we are to realise the opportunities.

The Minister praised New Zealand's labour and environmental standards, saying they were world-class and making New Zealand a good place to mine. However, as we highlighted, finding an economic mineral deposit is difficult and a lot of investment is required before a new mine is identified.

We look forward to contributing to the public debate on the issues raised by the Minister including its value to regional economies and conservation land.

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## Inaugural NZ Minerals Forum Awards celebrate industry's best

The inaugural NZ Minerals Forum Awards were held at the Forum gala dinner at the Skyline in Queenstown - filled to capacity with 250 people.

OceanaGold Waihi, Road Metals, and Greenbriar - Ohai Coal were the winners on the night.

Sponsored by Gough CAT, the awards recognise excellence in mining and quarrying. The winners were chosen from among eight finalists across the three awards categories.

Chair of the judging panel Bernie Napp from Inside Resources said the awards supported the Forum's purpose, which was to share information "at the cutting edge of our industry".

He said the judging task was challenging because of the diversity of entries submitted, and all were considered under a single scoring system, based on the award entry criteria.

OceanaGold Waihi won the innovation award for achieving greater community acceptance of blasting at its underground workings. Waihi residents are now provided early warning of blasting through several methods to prevent people being startled by the events.

An ongoing programme of community consultation is also in place to seek feedback and share information.

Christchurch and Otago-based Road Metals won the health and safety management award for its implementation of a widespread strategy to improve health and safety performance. It appointed a dedicated health and safety manager and instigated a number of workplace initiatives. The result has been a marked reduction in lost-time injuries (LTI). Having already marked 100-day and 250-day milestones, Road Metals is aiming to reach 365 days LTI free in 2018.

Greenbriar - Ohai Coal won the environmental management award for completing the extinguishment of a 60-year-old underground fire at its Ohai coalmine in Southland and rehabilitating the land above. Greenbriar continued work instigated by previous mine owner, Solid Energy, to eliminate the historical fire hazard. The company has also mitigated the environmental risks with the land now in the final stages of rehabilitation and the nearby Morley Stream no longer under threat of pollutants leaking from mine shafts and contaminating the water.

The other finalists were:

- OceanaGold Reefton
- Ravensdown
- Isaac Construction
- Stevenson Construction Materials
- Tailored Energy Solutions.



\*OceanaGold collects their award

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## Policy Corner

### No new mining on conservation land

The government has followed up on its proposal to ban new mining on conservation land with an announcement that it will consult with industry on the implementation of the proposal. Straterra argues that a blanket ban on new mining on conservation land would compromise significant economic opportunities, would send a very negative signal to potential investors and would not contribute to achieving the government's environmental goals. We have made these views clear to the Hon Megan Woods and have appreciated her willingness to engage.

### Zero Carbon Bill

The government has launched a six-week consultation on its Zero Carbon Bill, legislation that will put a new 2050 emissions target into law. Straterra will review the accompanying discussion document and make submissions on it. The discussion document follows on the heels of the New Zealand Productivity Commission's Low Emissions Economy report on which we are also submitting.

### Oil and Gas Exploration Ban

The government has responded to our Official Information Act request and released the advice associated with its decision to ban oil and gas exploration. This advice has done nothing to ease our concern about the decision itself, or about the way the decision was made.

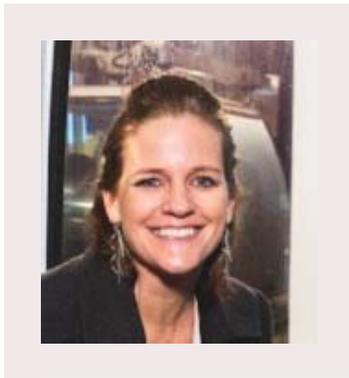
### The Importance of Mining

Straterra has been active in the media highlighting the importance of the mineral sector to New Zealand. Click [here](#) to read a recent op-ed on the contribution mining makes to the West Coast.

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## Welcome to Straterra's new Business Manager

The baby won and Jodi isn't returning from maternity leave. Double whammy - Tracy isn't renewing her contract as she is moving to the Bay of Plenty.



But don't fear we have found Sarah Walker to join the Straterra family as our new Business Manager.

Sarah has a strong business administration and risk background along with an early career in both oil and gas in Taranaki, and coal mining in Australia before moving into the banking sector.

Sarah recently fulfilled a passion to create and own a profitable food truck business which was sold late last year.

Sarah will be the go-to for all your membership related queries.

We know you will all join in welcoming Sarah to the Straterra team. Come along to Minerals Club in Auckland on August 16 and you can meet her!

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## Bringing the worker home safe!

### Changes to Certificates of competence

It is pleasing to see that WorkSafe and the Board of Examiners have established criteria, and requirements, for a Quarry Site Specific Certificate of Competence (CoC), definition of "workings", and unit standard requirements for First Aid certificates. This should be gazetted by late June making the CoC available to the quarry sector from July. More information can be found [here](#).



### Mining and quarrying regulations

Consultation with MBIE on proposed changes to mining and quarrying regulations is due to start during June. A consultation document is due to be released early June and this will inform the extent of discussion required to achieve fit-for-purpose regulations for the sector.

### Small Mine Safety Workshops

The first of our regional workshops designed to make it easier for sites to comprehend, develop and implement good, simple health and safety management systems will be run during June. These 3-hour workshops will cover risk management, workplace inspections, plant, training and competency, and emergency response. Details are available at <http://www.minex.org.nz/news-and-events/>

### Industry Safety Performance

We are now receiving incident data and reports from a larger number of sites. This positive response will ensure future quarterly data will provide us with more robust information from a larger cross section of the sector. We would like to express our thanks to those who have shared their data and incidents with us.

**Wayne Scott**  
CEO, MinEx



### Gold panning champs

AJ Woodhouse from AsureQuality won the Women's Goldpanning at the Australian Champs this year - and is off to Slovakia in August for the worlds with Annie Fitzgerald from OceanaGold. Good luck to you both - or should we say ... go for gold!



### Straterra Minerals Club Auckland

Thursday 16 August - diary the date

Guest Speaker - to be revealed soon...

## Quarry Conference 2018



**QUARRYNZ CONFERENCE**  
Claudelands, Hamilton 18th - 20th July 2018

### '50 years and Beyond - Embracing Future Technology in our Industry'

Each year the Aggregate and Quarry Association of NZ and the Institute of Quarrying NZ hold an annual joint conference. In July 2018 the QuarryNZ Conference will be held in Hamilton.

[See the full programme here](#)

[Register here](#)

## 2nd Women in Energy & Resource Leadership Summit 2018



**Auckland 9 October - 12 October 2018**

[Summit registration is now open](#) Check out [here](#) for the full programme.

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