



## Media release

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### West Coast Leaders welcome future minerals forum to the West Coast

The West Coast Mayors, Chairs and Iwi forum is disappointed that the 2020 Minerals Forum has been cancelled due to safety concerns for attendees and welcomes the opportunity to host future forums or conferences on the West Coast.

It is especially disappointing considering how future focused the 2020 schedule was including speakers from iwi, science, innovation and other industry leaders. The forum is an opportunity for a wide range of people to get together and look at the issues of the future, share ideas and engage on issues. Topics for the forum included solar panels, battery storage, carbon capture, advanced minerals to material research and responding to environmental and climate change related issues.

The West Coast welcomes responsible ethical mining and the opportunity to host other focused forums like this in the future.

Recently Minerals West Coast held an informative 2-day minerals forum in Reefton. This was well received by the community and attendees and allowed for the free flow of ideas focused on the future.

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