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Lincoln Smith  
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Dear Lincoln,

LETTER OF SUPPORT  
TERRAFIRMA MINING – SPRING CREEK



We write on behalf of the Mayors and Chairs of the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils, West Coast Regional Council, Development West Coast, Te Runanga o Makaawhio and Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae.

Reopening of the former Solid Energy mine at Spring Creek north of Greymouth would bring significant economic and social benefit to the West Coast and wider New Zealand. Export earnings will be vital as the region and country begins the economic recovery from COVID-19, and this project has no reliance on taxpayer funding.



Located in a local community that has been particularly affected by the economic slowdown, the mine would be a significant employer on the West Coast. Creating approximately 50 jobs in addition to the corresponding activity for local contractors and service providers, the mine would bring long term benefits to the region.

The mine would also have a positive environmental impact with the proposal to market the high-quality coal to value-added customers for its utilisation in the production of silica for solar panels.



The West Coast Mayors, Chairs and Iwi Forum strongly supports this project given the significant positive benefits it would generate for the West Coast region.

Yours faithfully

Renee Rooney  
Chair - Development West Coast

Allan Birchfield  
Chair - West Coast Regional Council



Jamie Cleine  
Mayor - Buller District

Bruce Smith  
Mayor - Westland District

Tania Gibson  
Mayor - Grey District



Paul Madgwick  
Chair - Te Runanga o Makaawhio

Francois Tumahai  
Chair - Te Runanga o Ngati Waewae