

Core Store

National Core Store Information

Background

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The New Core Store

Crown Minerals have now amalgamated the content of all the regional core stores (Paeroa, Dunedin and Christchurch) and the Wellington Petroleum core store into a new national storage facility in Featherston, Wairarapa. The 2300m National Core Store has been equipped with a tailored shelving system suitable for the storage of both petroleum and minerals core as well as fit for purpose viewing facilities. By maximising the utilisation of floor space and stud height the new facility will ensure ongoing capacity for future growth. In addition the store is operated by professional storage experts and a project has been initiated to introduce a modern indexing and inventory management system. Enhancements will include an improved level of detail discoverable online in regard to individual samples held.

Click [here](#) for a listing of the content of the 3 regional core stores amalgamated into Featherston.

Location

The new Core Store is easily reached from Wellington City. It is a 45-60 minute trip by car or a sub-hour trip on the Wairarapa Tranz Metro train line to the Featherston train station, where it is within easy walking distance of the platform.


[Directions to Core Store from Wellington city centre.](#)

[View Larger Map](#)

Visiting the Featherston Core Store

The Core Store can be visited by appointment ONLY. At least 48 hours notice must be given of your intention to visit. Please ensure that you have read the attached guidelines and filled out the access form.

Forms

Guidelines for Sampling at the Core Store	 17 kB PDF
Sampling/Viewing Access Form	 81 kB XLS

The completed form should be emailed to:

crown.minerals@med.govt.nz

Submitting Core to the National Core Store

In accordance with the [Crown Minerals \(Minerals and Coal\) Regulations 2007](#) Operators intending to dispose of core drilled under permit must notify Crown Minerals not less than 20 working days before disposal. Crown Minerals will assess the core and may chose to lodge this core in the

core store.

All samples submitted to the Core Store must be clearly labelled, well boxed and arrive in good condition. Failure to comply with these standards will incur a cost to the client.

Transportation of the core and cuttings to the Core Store is the sole responsibility of the submitting company.

For all samples that are being submitted the sample submission form must be completed.

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Sample Submission Form

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