

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.](#)

Visiting the Featherston Core Store

The Core Store can be visited by appointment ONLY. With the amalgamation into a central core facility, Crown Minerals will also look for pragmatic solutions to facilitate access wherever possible. Consideration to temporarily release core for local analysis will be taken on a case by case basis. Please complete the access form and a member of Crown Minerals will be in contact to discuss your preferred access options.

Forms	Microsoft Excel
Sample Submission Form*	 79 kB XLS
Sampling/Viewing Access Form	 81 kB XLS

The completed form should be forwarded to:

Facsimile: +64 4 471 0187

Email: crown.minerals@med.govt.nz

The Ministry of Economic Development
Crown Minerals
PO Box 1473

Wellington 6140

Core Store Address Details

Physical Address: 31-41 Birdwood Street, Featherston

[View Larger Map](#)

*All samples submitted to the core library must be clearly labelled, well boxed and arrive in good condition. Failure to comply with these standards will incur a cost to the client. This is in accordance with [Crown Minerals \(Minerals and Coal\) Regulations 2007](#) Schedule 5 - Specifications for preparation and supply of core and samples:

- Part 1 Specifications for preparation and supply of core
- Part 2 Specifications for preparation and supply of samples

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