

## Statement of Malcolm Coleman

I believe that mining in Waihi is great. It helps local people, charity events, sports clubs and lots more. The training that goes in to Mines Rescue helps the Fire Brigades, ambos, the Police, the Coast Guard and more.

Without the mine everything in Waihi would change. It has been here for 30 years. We have got used to all the things ~~having~~ the mine ~~does~~ does for Waihi. Without it we wouldn't have so many things that we take for granted.

I work underground at the mine, and if the mine isn't here then our family won't be. That is true for lots of people that work there. Lots of people would leave. That would not be good for the town. Waihi is a mining town. The whole project should be approved so we can keep working.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above the printed name.

Malcolm Coleman