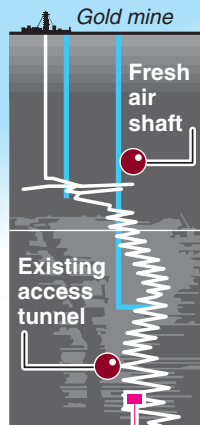


Rescue operation at Beaconsfield mine

A special tunnelling machine is grinding through 16 meters of solid rock to reach two Australian miners trapped deep underground since April 25. The operation is proceeding more slowly than expected but rescuers are still hopeful that the men will be freed alive over the weekend

May 1: 10cm-wide pipe enables food and other supplies to reach trapped miners

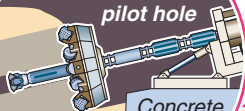
May 4: 20cm-wide pilot hole completed to ensure raise bore – which will widen tunnel to 1m – follows accurate path



Cage: 2m wide



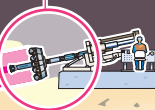
1.7 tonne drill head guided into pilot hole



Raise bore drill

1,000m

Rescuers angle drill beneath trapped miners in case side entry dislodges more rocks



Supply pipe **Pilot hole**