

Introduction

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Individual

Please indicate which group you most identify with or are involved in?

Minerals sector

Please specify the group that you most identify with

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Vision

Do you agree or disagree with the overall vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

Strongly disagree

Why?

I believe the strategy is to severely limit exploration and development of minerals and petroleum in NZ i.e. no new mines on the DoC estate which occupies around 35% of NZ and contains a very large proportion of the perspective ground for minerals. There is already enough controls i.e no access to Schedule 4 land and the Resource Management Act.

What is your vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

That mineral and petroleum deposits are systematically explored and extracted in an environmentally responsive way to benefit NZ.

How can New Zealand sustainably derive value from its petroleum and minerals resources?

That mineral and petroleum deposits are systematically explored and extracted in an environmentally responsive way to benefit NZ. The market will dictate the economics of the deposits and the RMA and district plans will ensure that any extraction is done in an environmentally sensitive way

Objectives for the minerals and petroleum sector

Objective for a sector that: “Responsibly delivers value for New Zealand (a) Supporting a productive, sustainable and inclusive economy (b) Supporting New Zealand's transition to a carbon neutral economy”.

Agree

Why?

I agree with (a) and believe the minerals and petroleum sector is already doing this. I also agree with (b) but it needs to be done in a rational and staged process.

Objective for a sector that: “Is productive and innovative”.

Strongly agree

Why?

Objective for a sector that: “Is effectively regulated”.

Agree

Why?

As long as the regulation are fair and reasonable. I would argue we are already heavily regulated with ten RMA, District Plans, Policy statements Crown Minerals Act etc etc

Are there any other objectives for the minerals and petroleum sector that you would like us to consider in the strategy?

Yes that you support exploration and extraction of minerals in an and petroleum environmentally responsive way across NZ (except for schedule 4 land).

Guiding principles

Principle: The environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity are respected now and in the long term.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Vast areas of NZ (~34%) are already included in the DoC estate with more land being added i.e. Mōkanui River area added to Kahurangi NP. Mining and exploration only accounts for around 0.04% of this area. There is more than sufficient land outside the mining and exploration areas of interest to preserve ecosystems and biodiversity in NZ and the focus should be on schedule 4 land i.e. National parks where DoC is struggling to manage these vast resources i.e. pests control etc.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I think Maori interests should be understood and respected and effort made to mitigate any concerns within reason. I think this process currently happens as they are consulted on permit applications, resource consents applications and access arrangements with DoC. Any concerns are considered and addressed if appropriate through this process. Iwi throughout NZ can have very different views and often at odds with each other and within individual Iwi, so it is very difficult to reach a consensus. In the Golden Bay area for example there are 4 Iwi tribes that have very different view on mineral exploration so for and some against. So I think effort should be made to try and reach consensus and accommodate any concerns but the District Plan and RMA should be the overriding decision process as it is now.

Principle: Support the transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050.

Agree

Why?

This needs to be done responsibly and shouldn't be limited to NZ boundaries. If NZ can produce metallurgical coal which is required for steel making and can't be substituted at this stage in a more regulated and environmentally friendly way than other countries then this should be recognised and supported ie. endorsed by the world's community.

Principle: The impact on people, communities and regions are managed in a just and inclusive way.

Agree

Why?

I think this is already happening with the RMA process.

Principle: Support a circular economy by meeting resource needs through resource efficiency, recycling and reuse.

Strongly agree

Why?

I think we should support recycling and reuse as much as possible but there is a limit to what can be recycled and there will always be a need for new resources. A lot of the resources cannot be recycled i.e. oil, coal, aggregates, lime, etc.

Principle: Actions taken within the mineral and petroleum sector should align with the strategic direction of other related sectors and Government strategies.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I think this is an ideological view and there will always be conflicts i.e. support growth in the provinces (provincial growth fund) and then propose to stop mining in the DoC estate. Mining and exploration is a very large contributor to some of these economies i.e. West Coast.

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for the Crown?

Principle: The Crown honours its duty towards Māori as a Treaty partner, adheres to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and its duty to meet settlement commitments.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Principle: The Crown receives a fair financial return for its minerals and petroleum.

Strongly agree

Why?

This needs to be measured not only in royalties but the greater economic benefits to the wider community i.e. employment, high paying jobs, service industries etc.

Principle: The Crown regulates in a way that is fair, transparent, reasonable and proportionate.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: The Crown honours the rights of current permit holders to continue production or exploration activities under existing permits.

Strongly agree

Why?

Exploration and mining is integrated in the NZ economy and social fabric since European settlement and with Maori prior to that. A lot of resource have been instead in this industry and provides a significant contribution to NZ economy. If the crown doesn't honour the rights of current permit holders which includes the right to progress from exploration to mining then crown should pay full compensation for money spent and the opportunity cost.

Principle: The Crown makes policy decisions based on the best evidence, and accounting for the foreseeable need for minerals and petroleum, both now and for future generations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: The Crown proactively engages and consults with relevant stakeholders and decisions are communicated in a clear and transparent way.

Agree

Why?

This is already done now with the RMA process.

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for Industry?

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Seek innovative ways to improve the resource efficiency of extraction operations; and minimise the negative impacts of these operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Engage with stakeholders and implement management systems to understand and manage impacts, and realise opportunities for redress where needed.

Agree

Why?

This happens now through the RMA process

Are there any other principles you would like us to consider in the strategy?

Maximise extraction of mineral resources based on the above principals and in an environmentally sensitive way for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Disagree

Why?

I think it is fit for purpose now.

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

The Crown minerals act should be prompting the exploration and mining of minerals and oil as long as they met the principals above. That is what NZPaM has been doing at international conferences, investing in data collections etc. The other legislation i.e RMA deals with controls on exploration and extraction.

Action Area: Securing affordable resources to meet our minerals and energy needs

Strongly agree

Why?

We need resources worldwide to sustain the global economy. It is better to source those resources from well-regulated and environmentally responsive countries like NZ than third world countries that have very little controls.

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Do not support "no new mines in the DoC estate" there are more than enough regulations in place that potential deposits should be treated on their merits. The "green minerals" that this strategy document promotes will more than likely be found in the DoC estate i.e. pegmatites for lithium in the Karamea or Separation Point batholiths not in Taupo are as indicated.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Disagree

Why?

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Disagree

Why?

I think stakeholder and community engagements are already well established under the RMA process.

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Disagree

Why?

Industry already invests significant resources in complying with legislation like the RMA

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Research and investment in better mining and resource use

Strongly agree

Why?

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Are there any other action areas you would like us to consider as part of advancing this Strategy?

Other

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the “Minerals and Petroleum Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand: 2019-2029”?

I think this is a misleading strategy with the ultimate goal to severely limit the development of New Zealand's resources to the detriment of NZ. It promotes the so called green or clean-tech minerals Cobalt, Nickel and REE in areas outside the DoC estate. NZ has no history in mining these minerals and there are currently no potential economic resources. The work done by GNS is very high level and of limited value. If companies want to explore for these commodities then that should be encouraged, but should also include the DoC estate where the most prospective ground for these minerals exists. Instead the strategy should be about promoting the extraction of all minerals in an environmentally responsive way and only the current schedule 4 land should be excluded for surface mining.

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