

Introduction

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Individual

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

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Vision

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

Disagree

Why?

I disagree with the overall vision because it implies that business as usual can continue, and does not take into account the urgent need to stop catastrophic and irreversible climate change. This "vision" sounds good but is neither socially nor environmentally responsible. It is a mere token gesture. Value is a very subjective word. The true "value" which would most benefit young New Zealanders is their future survival, not the ability to continue our present high consumption of fossil fuels for non-essential purposes eg fun on a jet ski

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

That petroleum use is drastically reduced and coal use virtually stopped in NZ. We need immediate action to build new sustainable energy sources. The electricity system needs to return to state control so that the needs of share holders (a few) no longer take precedence over the needs of the rest of the NZ and the world..(the many). The proposed strategy makes little distinction between fossil fuels, use of which should go to zero as soon as possible because they are causing climate change, and other minerals which should also be assessed on their community, regional and environmental impacts.

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

The climate change needs to be seen as a real emergency needing emergency responses. Whole communities need to be encouraged into seeking innovative and practical responses that they can action and the government needs to be ready to enforce strong regulation. eg There may need to be an analysis of transport practices to distinguish between essential services and those that are not. Sustainable

alternatives should be chosen over those that are damaging to the climate and the environment. g to the environment.

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”.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I support section b. But the transition has to be b VERY FAST

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Innovative- I agree if it includes re assessing needs and lots of recycling

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

Strongly agree

Why?

see above re climate emergency

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

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The climate and the environment should be "Protected" not just respected

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

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

Disagree

Why?

The transition needs to be much faster... The arctic is on fire!!!!

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

Agree

Why?

In the section on Regional Development It is claimed that the mineral and petroleum sector will continue to support thriving and sustainable regions and increase and share New Zealand's prosperity more fairly. There is no evidence for this claim at present. Eg looking at the township of Huntly a coal-mining town in a coal-mining region, it is hard to see any evidence for this claim in the present. Climate change will present new challenges non of which are addressed in this strategy.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

But this Strategy only pays lip service to a circular economy,.It offers no discussion or detail on how to get there. This topic deserves a Strategy of its own.

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

Disagree

Why?

The only Government strategy that is important and should override all others is the Climate Change strategy

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.

Agree

Why?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The Strategy proposes balancing impacts across human, social, financial and natural capitals. This is not OK. Climate and environmental protection should and must take precedence over, for example, increased revenue to the Crown.

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

Disagree

Why?

regulation needs to see fairness in relation to a climate emergency . We will all have to make some sacrifices

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Principle 10 puts the property rights of the mining industry ahead of the transition to zero carbon. This means renewal and expansion of existing oil-drilling licenses even when there is a current ban on new oil drilling. This is not acceptable.

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.

Agree

Why?

With emphasis on the word Best.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I agree that stakeholders should be consulted but in the past the word stake holders has meant those who stand to profit financially from the industry. Stakeholders has to mean All people, especially future generations. Incidentally the Strategy submission form was badly designed and unhelpful to use. There was very little publicity encouraging members of the public to submit on the Strategy. This contravenes your own stated commitment to "improving ... community engagement." As a member of the public I am very concerned about how little attention is paid to the survival of future generations.

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?

Or course...

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The exigencies of climate change require that there should be no acceptance of Principle 10 for fossil fuels, and that mining other mineral resources should be assessed only on their environmental impact and need.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

AS above

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

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

i dont know enough to comment

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

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

Agree

Why?

But there should be a radical re analysis of the Needs of society based on true need .Minerals essential for transition to a zero-carbon economy should be given priority over those which are merely nice to have, for example gold. There is enough gold already above ground for essential industrial manufacturing.

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

Re use and re cycle

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Agree

Why?

See above

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

We dont need any more pollutants in the environment

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

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

Agree

Why?

We agree with investing in research and development, AND in seeking increased investment in such things as recycling of minerals, and seeking alternatives to mineral uses, eg use of timber, including hemp, as an alternative to building in concrete. (Concrete actually has high climate change impacts.)

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”?

Gas

Gas is often now quoted as a substitute, “cleaner,” fossil fuel, but it is not. Its CO2 emissions are 60% of coal emissions, not 50%, and there are significant methane leaks from all parts of its production and use. In particular, any new gas wells or infrastructure will be used for decades, and will take us backwards, away from a zero carbon future. Gas should be phased out of production the same as coal and oil.

Fracking

Your section on mining techniques in New Zealand makes no mention of fracking. This is the most destructive of mining techniques and needs to stop.

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