

## Introduction

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### Is this an individual submission or on behalf of a group or organisation?

Individual

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Environmental

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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?

would agree, but petroleum should not be included long term

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

Selected minerals only, no fossil fuels

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

it can't

### 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".

Disagree

### Why?

Part (a) assumes money is more important than survival; I agree with Part (b).

### Objective for a sector that: "Is productive and innovative".

Disagree

### Why?

I can't support those 2 aspects in isolation from a healthy biosphere.

### Objective for a sector that: "Is effectively regulated".

Strongly agree

**Why?**

all evidence from the past points to strong regulation.

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

Petroleum does not need to be shut down within 10 years, but the sector must have an ironclad agreement with government to phase itself out as fast as alternatives come online. Renewable energy technologies are not something to just add to the use of fossil fuels. That sector no doubt amasses wealth partly to make their descendants better off than others. Their shares should be documented for the distant future when the next ice age makes fossil fuels the heroes (and their descendants can claim part ownership).

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

for survival of humans along with the rest of life

**Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

I would more strongly agree if the target timing is 2040. My own research offers one of the means by which this can be achieved.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We are all in this challenge together, but the uneven impacts cannot be a reason to stop the needed changes.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Special pleading by the sector will have adverse effects on the majority of people if it disrupts good strategies.

**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.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Agree

**Why?**

They should not be given away, but government should give up revenue if that is the result of phasing out fossil fuels or damaging mining methods.

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

Agree

**Why?**

so long as "reasonable and proportionate" are not used as an excuse to put economic interest ahead of environmental health.

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

Disagree

**Why?**

Fossil fuel exploration has no place in this time of climate emergency. Even continued production needs to have an end point determined by Zero Carbon, which should be specified by the end of this 10-year picture. If permits run more than 15 years they should be revoked for the following years.

**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 disagree

**Why?**

Biosphere health determines true future needs; humans can't just 'invent' a need because we want it.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

**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?**

But striving isn't enough and best practice should include termination if other steps aren't sufficient to eliminate adverse impacts.

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

Disagree

**Why?**

Efficiency is the god of last century and extraction of raw materials needs to be largely displaced by product manufacture designed for 'cradle to cradle' reuse. That should greatly reduce the demand/value of NZ minerals extracted for export.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Redress in worst cases should include closing operations.

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

**Action areas intro**

**Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

To make it less of a 'give-away' of public assets.

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

A 21st Century fit for purpose Act should specify a phase-out of fossil fuel extraction as soon as feasible.

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

Stiongly disagree

**Why?**

Petroleum/gas will not be relevant to meeting future energy needs. Most mineral needs will be better met from Australia, since NZ does not have enough 'wasteland' to mine without excessive impacts.

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

Help this sector develop plans to redirect investment into other technologies for energy, building materials or products made from bio-polymers.

**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**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

**Action Area: Improving industry compliance**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

**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?**

Research is great but should focus on sector transformation.

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

Research redirecting investment into other technologies for energy, building materials or products made from bio-polymers.

**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”?**

Input would be easier to interpret if the survey asked separately for feedback on hard rock minerals and on fossil fuels. I saw no mention of coal, so I hope that means it is being dropped from a modernized Crown Minerals Act.

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