

## Introduction

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Individual

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General public

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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?

it is not necessary to be world-leading and, by inference, in competition with other extractive industries - additionally 'value delivery' implies that the only way to relate to mineral and petrol resources is through conversion into a source of value for humans - additionally, there is an inherent contradiction between the main clause and the subordinate clause in that if the most environmentally sensible course of action is to leave carbon fuels in the ground then there is no direct 'delivery of value for New Zealanders"

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

a low carbon extraction process and outcome with the battle against climate change being of primary consideration - as with the medical ideal: "First do no harm..."

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

there are many ways, even as part of a carbon-trading scheme where the country is paid NOT to extract certain minerals

### 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?**

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

Agree

**Why?**

**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 agree

**Why?**

any other course is fairly conclusively known to lead to global disaster

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

indigenous cultural rights are guaranteed by law and are human rights

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

any other course will lead to global disaster

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

without social justice the contract of the individual vs the government is broken

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

no system is infinite except the circular system

**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?**

some might call this 'joined-up-government', I call it 'common sense'

**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?**

any other course would be a social injustice

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

otherwise there is no point in doing the extraction in the first place

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

because that is what leads to social justice and good governance

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

Disagree

**Why?**

given the climate emergency there is a case to be made that some permits must be overturned in order to stop further environmental collapse - the needs of the many outweighing the needs of the few (the extension of democratic process)

**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?**

a research based process is best

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

transparency of process brings social justice and defeats corruption

**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?**

for the safety of all

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

**Why?**

all benefit from the more efficient process with less waste

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

Agree

**Why?**

**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?**

the world is changing rapidly - constant adaptation is a must

**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?**

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

**Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership**

Agree

**Why?**

together we are stronger

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

**Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement**

Agree

**Why?**

inclusive processes have better outcomes in the long run

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

**Action Area: Improving industry compliance**

**Why?**

accountability and rigorous systems create trust and industry resilience

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

**Action Area: Research and investment in better mining and resource use  
Why?**

growing the knowledge base for action is always a good idea

**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”?**

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