

Introduction

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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?

This is an oxymoron, you cannot have a petroleum sector that delivers in an environmentally & socially responsible way.

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

The petroleum sector needs to have a well-defined exit strategy that dovetails into the country's renewable energy sector.

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

It can't. Petroleum has had its day. It is well past time for a rapid retreat from this energy source and a change to renewable & properly sustainable energy sources.

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 strongly agree with objective b), but would want to see the detail of how it is intending to achieve a)? Our economy as it stands is not sustainable or inclusive.

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

Disagree

Why?

What does this mean? Being productive is not a satisfactory objective in an era of climate breakdown- on the contrary- we need to be less productive. innovative yes, if it means being innovative on how quickly we can transition out of the petroleum era.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We would all like to see a petroleum & minerals sector that is indeed effectively regulated, but in reality we know that politicians are heavily swayed by lobbying pressure from the sector & regulations favour the industry rather than the interests of the planet & the majority of its people.

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

We need an objective that introduces a regenerative approach to putting right the harms done by releasing carbon from locked up fossil fuels and works with the rest of society to get carbon back out of the oceans and of the atmosphere and puts it back in the ground as quickly as possible, using funds from those who have benefited financially from this activity

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Pretty obvious.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Or earlier, 2040 would be a better goal, we already have the knowledge & technology to achieve this.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

How?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

How does this fit in? Is it empty words?

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?

Again, rather obvious.

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?

Except where it conflicts with the interests of the country as a whole

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Who decides what a fair financial return is? The Petroleum industry & the mining industry have never paid for the externalised costs of their activities. Society as a whole is now reaping the costs of their activities. It is time that they paid the true cost of their extractive activities in a FAIR price to society. There is vast sums owed to society for the future costs that climate change will wreak on the earth and everyone's lives & livelihoods, the oil industry must be made to pay for this.

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 disagree

Why?

Existing permits should be reviewed and a price paid that reflects the real costs to society of extracting & burning that oil. No new exploration should be permitted at all. We MUST leave it in the ground if we hope to survive.

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?

Who decides what is the best evidence? How is politics and the unseen & untoward influence of the oil lobby taken into consideration.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Except we are all stakeholders in this.

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?

What is best practice? Best practice for whom? Best practice would be to close down the oil industry right now, but we need to quickly extricate ourselves & transition to a zero carbon economy.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes of course.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

No principles in here about transitioning to a zero carbon economy as fast as possible. Also need principles about taking responsibility for past & continuing harms of the industry and for taking responsibility for deliberately obfuscating and denying climate damage. need a principle about honesty engaging with society and putting right past wrongs & being seen to be working to limit climate damage as fast as possible by investing in renewables and not continuing to try to extract as much money from oil as possible despite the costs. This is seen as obscene by the rest of the world, and self-destructive even for those immediately benefiting by their obscene wealth.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

We need a minerals act that is fit for purpose in the current world situation, knowing what we now know about the speed 7 scale of effects of this industry & its past & present cavalier & callous attitude to life on this planet.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Affordable in terms of the planet, not the companies involved.

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

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?

Full transparency & accountability

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

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?

Investment in moving faster to zero carbon economy

Other

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

The Guiding Principle of moving to a zero carbon economy was not addressed at all in this strategy in any of the areas of vision, goals, principles, or actions. This is very much a business as usual Strategy and as such is extremely disappointing and is in no way fit for purpose in 2019, let alone beyond.

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