

Introduction

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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 would like to see the minerals and petroleum sector to shrink to as close to 0 as possible because the financial gains are far outweighed by the environmental impacts, and severely limits the ability to meet our legal requirements under the Paris Agreement.

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

To be as small as possible.

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

It can't. That's why it be significantly reduced.

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?

A more productive, sustainable and inclusive economy that supports a transition to a carbon neutral economy is one that does not extract minerals or petroleum. Instead, it is one that invests in renewable energy which creates even more jobs, is far more sustainable and can reduce energy costs for those most in need while also being far less destructive on the environment.

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

Disagree

Why?

Productivity is no good if it is damaging the environment.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

There needs to be far heavier controls and sanctions put on any actor that causes damage to the environment.

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

I would like to see a far more aggressive policy of shutting down the minerals and petroleum sector, which is met with an equally aggressive policy to increase a transition to a zero fossil fuel economy.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

They should also be protected in the short term.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

The cultural interests should be extended to include environmental interests

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Every effort should be made to achieve the transition even earlier

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This involves recognising the environmental damage that the minerals and petroleum sector are causing that is impacting people, regions and communities, particularly with coastal erosion and sea level rise.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to be far less wasteful

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?

All actions need to be considered under the umbrella of adaptation and mitigation of climate change causing factors, of which the minerals and petroleum industry is amongst the largest contributors.

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?

Because the Crown legally bound themselves to do so by signing the Treaty in the first instance.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Any royalties should be directed into shutting down the sector.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It should also give due weight to be able to consider climate change, unlike the RMA and EEZ and Continental Shelf Act, which explicitly says that climate change should not be considered.

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

Agree

Why?

While stopping them would be preferred, I understand and respect the need of the Crown to honour any contracts they are bound too. But they should refuse any extensions of current contracts.

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?

That means giving weight to climate change in both the present and future.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Consultation should ensure that weighting is given to the communities, and not be outweighed by purely financial arguments given by the interested companies.

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 disagree

Why?

Best practice most likely involves continued extraction, which needs to be slowing down instead of ramping up

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

While resource efficiency may be able to be improved, greater focus should be put on making renewable energies more efficient and affordable

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?

I would like to see a principle of reducing the size of the sector in light of our duties to reduce emissions and damage on the environment.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

Provides an opportunity to give far greater weighting to climate change considerations and protecting the environment. It also provides a chance for NZ to take the lead in kicking out Big Oil interests from our country (and waters).

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

How to slowly shut the sector down

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Because the Crown is legally bound to do so as a signatory to the Treaty

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Ensures that a counter to the Big Oil and mining interests are able to be made

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Compliance needs to be far more stringent, especially on deliberate environmental damage

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?

Hopefully the research will prove that mining and extraction is one of the greatest contributors to the climate change

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?

Including a strategy of how to slowly shut the sector down due to its contribution to environmental damage

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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