

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 agree

Why?

Because if we destroy or harm the natural environment in anyway we will not have a future worth having

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

Use only what we need to ensure a Green sustainable future that respects the planet and all its inhabitants animal and vegetable

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

Only extract that which can be used within the confines of a sustainable future with a maximum of 1.5 degrees of potential global warming

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".

Strongly agree

Why?

Same reasons as above

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Productivity and innovation must be constrained by sustainability and environmentally harm free

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because big business has not yet developed a sufficiently strong social conscience to counter the demand of shareholders wanting increased dividends regardless of the cost to the environment or the working force they exploit.

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

There should be an objective to have every exploiter of minerals or petroleum that they establish a fund out of their profits to build a reserve capable of restoration of any environmental damage done by such companies who go bankrupt at the end of their exploitation leaving the government and or society in general to restore the environment.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Without their ongoing health we are doomed to live on a doomed planet that will not be able to sustain life

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Our founding document, Te Tiriti o Waitangi implicitly expects it.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because we should be trying to reach that by 2030 to keep a minimum change from an ambient climate to a catastrophic climate change

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

Strongly agree

Why?

I would add "to minimalise such impact"

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It is the only option for a sustainable future

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?

The problems that loom ahead of us are possible so gigantic that anything less will not save the future for successive generations.

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?

Our current settlement philosophy only recompenses the first nation of Aotearoa NZ at a rate of 1% to 2% of the current value of land that was illegally confiscated over the last 200 years, even under the laws of the time, let alone the more socially just laws of today.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Corporations and companies both within and outside of NZ seem to expect to pay a token for valuable resources so that their profits can line shareholders' pockets. I.e. current gift of pristine water resources to overseas owned water bottling corps!

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

Strongly agree

Why?

because it is right

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

Disagree

Why?

Because some permits currently existant have been issued in times when current knowledge wasn't available to those issuing them, They need to be closed and re-negotiated in view of current knowledge and understanding of the environmental damage now recognised.

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?

It is the minimum requirement

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

Strongly agree

Why?

They deserve it

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for Industry?

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

why not?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

Only if the best practice is environmentally based

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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?

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

Environment and climate change need to be strongly on top of considerations

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?

as long as they are environmentally and climatically neutral

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

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?

Needs strong enforcing

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?

Other

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

Bring it to heel with suitable environmental and climate change considerations

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