

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?

Better worded to reflect the need to conserve resources and deliver a circular economy in NZ, i.e. Providing for the needs of New Zealanders now and in the future through sustainable protection, extraction, use and recovery of minerals and petroleum.

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

Ensuring minerals and petroleum resources in NZ are protected for future generations, used sustainably to limit emissions and reduce (or at least not increase) climate warming, now and in the future.

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

By managing the extraction/production/supply AND demand for these resources through effective national policy, regulation and pricing mechanisms.

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?

Needs rearranging - a + b drive the value AND use stronger wording - not supporting, but '(a) Enabling a sustainable and inclusive economy (b) Ensuring New Zealand's transition to a carbon neutral economy'

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Need significant innovation to create/generate more value by extracting and using less resources

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We can not leave the market to determine our fate. Short-term profit and high standard of living for some now can not out way the well-being of future generations and our planet.

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

Reduce the extraction and burning of fossil fuels to 50% by 2025 and to zero by 2030: (i) prevent all new and expanded coal mines and coal burning plants; (ii) end deep sea oil exploration and fracking for oil and gas

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Needs rewording - not 'respected' this definition is not meaningful in the context of extraction, use and disposal of these resources which by their nature negatively impact on the environment, ecosystems and biodiversity. Language needs to be: Protected and restored/regenerative

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Again this needs rewording - not just understood and respected, but interests upheld and treaty obligations fulfilled

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Not support - 'enable' - There is no distinction made between fossil fuels, which must go to zero as fast as possible because they are driving climate change, and other minerals which should be assessed on their environmental impact. There is no distinction made between aggregates, rock used for roading and concrete which are abundant and can be mined with very low impact, and minerals like gold which cause major environmental disruption. Metals essential for the transition to a zero carbon economy (e.g. lithium and cobalt) should be given priority over those which are

merely “nice to have” (e.g. gold – which we can currently access or recover from above ground for essential industrial uses.)

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Ensure the negative impact is mitigated, not just managed

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Enable a circular economy - not just through efficiencies and end of life reuse/recycling, but in the design phase of extraction and production, transportation, etc. taking a whole lifecycle approach, not just trying to manage 'waste' as it arises.

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?

This current draft strategy is not consistent with the Government’s policy on climate change (Zero Carbon Bill), which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050 under the Paris Accord. All actions within this resource strategy must fit within the framework of the current climate emergency and the need to change the ways we do things. We can not continue to think, create policy or manage resources as we have done in the past, or merely to meet current demand.

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.

Disagree

Why?

What is a fair financial return... fair to whom? The crown manages resources on behalf of NZer's and as a NZer I am comfortable with there being less financial gain and less environmental harm and related costs of this, in the short-term in order to ensure a fair financial (and valuable ecosystems services) return for future generations.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes fair and transparent - but reasonable and proportionate to whom - please do not put business interests or short-term profit ahead of safeguarding future generations well-being.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This puts the puts the property rights of miners ahead of the transition to zero carbon. It means renewal and expansion of existing oil drilling licences even when there is a ban on new oil drilling. I do not accept this is responsibly managing resources. For fossil fuels, and for other resources any permits should be dependent on environmental impact, not solely existing use rights, that are not fit for the current state of our environment. Gas is NOT a sustainable bridge to a low carbon (let alone zero carbon) economy. It's carbon dioxide emissions are closer to 60% of coal, and we have to add to that significant methane releases from all parts of the production and use cycle. Particularly, any new gas wells or infrastructure will be used for decades and take us backwards from the zero carbon future. It should be phased out in the same way as coal and oil.

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?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes stakeholders - but also the public, we have a right to know how our resources are being managed. There needs to be more efforts to meaningfully consult and seek genuine public feedback as a mandate for this policy direction.

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?

Not strive to implement - actually implement to limit environmental damage and be held to account for this.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

There is no distinction made between fossil fuels, which must go to zero as fast as possible because they are driving climate change, and other minerals which should be assessed on their environmental impact. There is no distinction made between aggregates, rock used for roading and concrete which are abundant and can be mined with very low impact, and minerals like gold which cause major environmental disruption. Metals essential for the transition to a zero carbon economy (eg lithium, cobalt) should be given priority over those which are merely “nice to have” (eg gold – there is enough gold already above ground for essential industrial uses.)

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?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Yes, but also ensuring there are policies and programmes in place - in conjunction with other ministries and departments to reduce consumption of/demand for these resources. We can not let a drive for affordability outweigh duties to safeguard our planet, by leaving emissions from use unchecked/unrestricted.

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?

Because it impacts our lives and our children's lives

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

More meaningful consultation efforts - this form is ridiculous, not accessible and not set up for any member of the public to navigate!

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?

Yes, but what is better? - does that include less and limits - we need to observe the 'precautionary principle'

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

No Fracking!

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”?

This strategy should set a timeframe for the phase out of fossil fuels, starting with no new coal mines or oil and gas wells, and protecting essential uses of these fuels (e.g. steel making) for as long as possible, while promptly closing down uses for which there are proven existing alternative technologies, like electricity generation.

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