

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?

Wrong question. There is no way greenhouse gas emitting industries or products (fossil fuels) can be considered to be environmentally and socially responsible due to climate change.

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

Phase out all fossil fuels and introduce carbon neutral plans for the remaining few essential mineral related activities.

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

It can't if you include the costs climate change in the equation.

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 disagree

Why?

Which planet are the authors of these question on? Planet PR. There is no way the fossil fuel sector can be responsible and sustainable unless it is phased out. And there is no way the rest of the sector can be so unless it becomes carbon neutral. b) The sector has shown itself incapable of even considering a transition except by having a couple of sessions at each of its conferences on carbon capture and storage; a process which has been shown to be prohibitively expensive, if indeed feasible.

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

Disagree

Why?

A bit of innovation would be good - redirect investment and considerable technical expertise - mines are impressive, if destructive, examples of our species abilities and the renewable energy sector would surely benefit from its experience.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

If the EPA is anything to go by then effective regulation is unlikely. Regulatory framework has to insist on enforceable carbon neutral plans for all activities.

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

Phase all fossil fuels out. Enforceable carbon neutrality for the rest.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

A dead planet and human extinction is otherwise likely

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Only if the values really reflect the urgency of the climate crisis. Not something the business arms of the culture always embrace.

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

Disagree

Why?

Not soon enough says the science. 2030.

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

Agree

Why?

Yep but this can't be an excuse to continue climate destroying activities because we/government are not prepared to put resources into ensuring this is this case. NO more . Oh we'd like to but it will cost the taxpayer/ratepayer. It's gonna be expensive in more ways than one.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Only agree if the circular economy isn't seen as a means to continue consumption as usual. I note that the question avoids this issue. Honestly how are we going to get to carbon neutral if we don't ask the right f**ing questions?

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?

Yep. but only the zero carbon bill, pathetic though it might be. Does Jacinda's nuclear free moment count?

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?

A long as it doesn't bugger up the climate.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The only fair return the Crown should receive from the sector is the assurance that the climate will be livable for our children and grandchildren. It's part of the social contract whereby the people give the Crown authority and in return they look after the people.

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

Why?

Hopefully I will not have to endure another question so bereft of definition of terms. The only reasonable thing for the Crwon to do is regulate to ensure a future.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The Crown has to realise that this is serious and look upon it as one might upon a war. Continued production and exploration for fossil fuels and other inessential minerals should be looked upon as nuclear missiles aimed at destroying our country's livelihood. Would you honour the right of foreign or in this case essentially foreign owned aggressors to bomb our country?

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The only foreseeable needs for fossil fuels are an extremely short duration use for assisting with transition to renewable energy. (This doesn't include gas - the bridge to nowhere). One would hope that the Crown would seek best evidence but its record in that respect re-climate change and the effects of privatisation has been somewhat abysmal of late.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Now who exactly are relevant stakeholders here? Schoolkids with a dodgy future?

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

By ensuring that the fossil fuel industry is phased out and our kids have a healthy and safe climatic future

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Another one of those questions where few can disagree; thus allowing the sector to look good despite destroying the climate. Note the word strive. This indicates forces opposing the endeavour. Profit for the shareholders would I suspect be one of the major ones. Translation: We will of course try our best but

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The only innovative way minimise the negative impacts of fossil fuels is to stop producing them. Carbon capture and storage is unproven and expensive - renewables are cheaper. And what exactly does resource efficiency mean. What was the question above? Something about clear and transparent?

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

Why?

Apart from the fact that I think this question has been asked already, I'm looking forward to the sector/Crown's realisation that realising opportunities for redress might be a bit difficult when climate collapses.

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

Climate change. Carbon Neutrality. Social Justice.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

To deal to Climate change. Carbon Neutrality. Social Justice.

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?

We have to secure resources to ensure a renewable energy future - affordable or otherwise.

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Only if part of securing a future for all our kids and grandchildren

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Why?

Only if part of securing a future for all our kids and grandchildren

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Only if part of securing a future for all our kids and grandchildren

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?

Only if part of securing a future for all our kids and grandchildren

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”?

The decade that this strategy covers is according to the science the most important, if not the only decade we have left to save ourselves and all that exists on Earth from the disastrous effects of human induced climate change. Sad to say this consultation barely acknowledges the urgency of the situation and the content of the questions do little to address it, nor give any confidence in the authors' understanding of the implications for the industry.

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