

Introduction

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Vision

Do you agree or disagree with the overall vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

Agree

Why?

Meaning that petroleum exploration is stopped now and extraction is brought to zero within 10 years.

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

Environmental and social requirements are fulfilled, including to limit climate change temperature rise to 1.5 degrees C, and to fund and facilitate a just transition for sector employees to non-fossil fuel related employment

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

By diverting fossil fuel subsidies to fund efficiencies in other sector areas

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?

Sustainability and going carbon neutral are now the key requirements

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Innovation is essential to deliver a sustainable, continuously improving industry

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Regulation to achieve the vision together with monitoring and enforcement are essential for a modern fair society

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

Human and environmental health at the workplace and beyond are fully protected.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This is how it should have always been, as wealth is not measured by money alone.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Particularly Kaitiakitanga supports human and all life on earth.

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

Agree

Why?

Only I believe the latest evidence and science will require that date be brought forward to 2040 at the latest.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

There must be equality for all. This is only fair. The transition should have started 30 years ago so it was easier to manage.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

These processes need support in all forms to enable continuous improvement and innovation, in order to properly protect the environment.

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 related sectors and government strategies must have protection of the environment as the top priority.

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?

All wrongs of the past must be rectified, til a point is reached where all people of Aotearoa can live in the present and look forward to a fair and equitable future.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

All natural resources belong to all the people of Aotearoa, so any business selling or using those resources must pay the Crown a fair price for them.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The Crown must have the powers to protect the environment and people of NZ but the people must be able to see these powers properly used.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The evidence shows that climate change is accelerating out of control, beyond the conservative models that governments restricted scientists to produce under the influence of the fossil fuel industry. Therefore the time has come to rapidly restrict and stop fossil fuel extraction, and immediately stop all fossil fuel exploration, as a penalty for all the lies this industry has told in denying human induced climate change.

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.

Agree

Why?

The need for petroleum must be reduced rapidly through the speedy introduction/expansion of other technologies.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Relevant stakeholders includes government and non-government environmental organisations and individuals, including the scientific community.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Fair to all humans.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Disagree

Why?

Industry best practice MUST BE implemented including continuous development and incorporation of improvements

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

Agree

Why?

Must do better than seek.

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

Agree

Why?

Systems and testing must be robust enough to ensure that mistakes can not happen.

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

No

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

Climate change and environmental considerations at the forefront

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

Develop the detail around ending fossil fuel extraction

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Divert funds away from fossil fuels

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

Research and develop infrastructure for alternative energy technologies and industry

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Agree

Why?

Yes, and with fair distribution of earnings to all Kiwis.

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

Consistent and early involvement ensuring efficient use of time and money throughout any project.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Has not always been timely and fair.

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

To ensure fair decisions for all, through effective communication processes that are clear and do not result in protracted negotiations.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Government needs to be stronger around environmental protection generally and specifically for the local people and wildlife that have been terribly affected by non-compliance in the past.

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

Full independence of government, ministry and department staff from any industry involvement (conflict of interest).

Action Area: Research and investment in better mining and resource use

Strongly agree

Why?

For economic efficiency and complete environmental protection.

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

New technology continuously developed to provide more effective extraction of available minerals including from re-use/recycling.

Are there any other action areas you would like us to consider as part of advancing this Strategy?

Immediate improved protection of endangered wildlife species through total exclusion of any resource use in their habitat (e.g. breeding) areas.

Other

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

For a better world, the way it should always have been, the environment must be valued for the services it provides every day in keeping human life alive. All forms of life are legally sentient in New Zealand since 2015 so they must be protected from any mineral and petroleum related process. The climate change crisis requires immediate changes to how and what minerals we extract and use and all fossil fuels must be left in the ground from 2030.

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