

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?

Science tells us the planet cannot survive if we continue to extract fossil fuels and minerals other than those essential to move to a zero-carbon economy.

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

That it changes to become renewable & sustainable, protective instead of destructive of the natural environment.

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

It cannot, other than addressing the need for those minerals required for a sustainable economy

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?

By its very nature it is profoundly unsustainable, and we must only use what is absolutely essential to make the change to a different way of managing our world -i.e. those minerals needed for this.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The objective must be rewritten, it must no longer "produce" destructive elements, and any "innovation" must come from alternatives to coal, gas, gold etc..

Objective for a sector that: "Is effectively regulated".

Strongly disagree

Why?

If the sector respects the science that we are destroying the planet & fossil fuels are a major contributor to that, then the sector cannot exist in its current form and regulation has to be addressed differently..

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

That the damaging interventions within the sector are closed down and the work force is redirected into developing sustainable alternatives.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

It is impossible to simultaneously "respect" the environment, ecosystems & biodiversity while destroying it.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

If Māori were truly involved, that is that their cultural processes that direct us to care for Papatuanuku, are addressed, sustainability is likely to be a focus.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We are in climate emergency.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Surely this is basic to any governmental activity?

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

Disagree

Why?

Principle: Actions taken within the mineral and petroleum sector should align with the strategic direction of other related sectors and Government strategies.

Why?

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?

It is about honouring the Treaty. There are no ethical alternatives

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We can no longer take damaging minerals, oil & gas out of the earth.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The word "reasonable" needs clarification. Some people may continue to think that continuing marine destruction through oil drilling is "reasonable"., when clearly it is not when the science is part of the argument.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We must stop all current & projected mining for fossil fuels immediately. The climate crisis requires governmental intervention to stop carbon release now wherever it may be happening in the world.

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.

Disagree

Why?

The Principle does not differentiate between the Crown making policy decisions based on the best evidence (which must arise from the science of climate change, thus stopping the sourcing and use of fossil fuels) and what it means by "accounting for the foreseeable need for minerals and petroleum, both now and for future generations." If we are going to account for future generations, the petroleum and fossil fuel industries have to cease.

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

Why?

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

It depends on what how "industry best practice in operations" is defined.

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

Agree

Why?

I agree only in the case of essential minerals needed for the move to a carbon neutral economy.

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

Agree

Why?

If the principle is applied, fossil fuels would no longer be extracted since the impacts of this cannot be "managed" - we are in a crisis, climate change is overwhelming, stopping damaging practices now will be an essential part of preventing worse effects. See "Drawdown" .

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

The principle I ask for is one of sanity, i.e. to apply current climate science to every decision considered to address this devastating problem – by reducing to 50 percent the extraction and burning of fossil fuels by 2025, and zero by 2030 through stopping all new and expanded coal mines and coal burning plants, and by ending deep sea oil exploration and fracking for oil and gas.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

To apply the Principle of Sanity (see above) in addressing the climate crisis.

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

Help decision-makers understand how terrifying the effects of not stopping all fossil fuel mining (see . WHAT LIES BENEATH: The Understatement Of Existential Climate Risk Written by: David Spratt & Ian Dunlop. Foreword by: Hans Joachim

Schellnhuber. (A report of only 44pp.) This latest Breakthrough report argues for an urgent risk reframing of climate research and the IPCC reports. What Lies Beneath is the inside story of how climate policy-making has become embedded in a culture of failure and scientific reticence. The report brings together the voices of some of the world's leading scientists. Another quote from this report states: " "The GCF says that despite scientific evidence that risks associated with tipping points "increase disproportionately as temperature increases from 1°C to 2°C, and become high above 3°C",60 political negotiations have consistently disregarded the high-end scenarios that could lead to abrupt or irreversible climate change. In its Global Catastrophic Risks 2017 report, the Foundation concludes that "the world is currently completely unprepared to envisage, and even less deal with, the consequences of catastrophic climate change".

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

We need certain resources.

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

As above - we are in a situation that has been described as "ecocide" - this is not an overstatement. Please help all industries get to grips with this and put their energies into stopping carbon rise - see Drawdown <https://www.drawdown.org/> and Where we can take out more greenhouse gases than we put into the atmosphere? This hypothetical scenario, known as "drawdown," is our only hope of averting climate disaster.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Basic.

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Improve the knowledge of both, so that engagement will be informed, instead of ignorant.

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

Get everyone to address Drawdown etc.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Requiring compliance with valuable policies is an educational process.

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

Put money into education.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We have to mine for essential infrastructure only - and research is needed for that.

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”?

This Draft strategy is inconsistent with Government policy on climate change.
Address the science.

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