

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?

Sounds good, BUT, it all depends on what is meant by: "in an environmentally and socially responsible way." This can be all greenwash of not very specifically defined in ways that really DO protect the environment.

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

We need to focus on the rapid phase-out of fossil fuel extraction, that means no more permit extensions and a halt to deep-sea drilling and fracking. This needs to include a just transition for the working people and communities whose jobs currently rely on fossil fuel extraction. The Government needs to support working people and unions to train for new careers in clean industries.

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

We need to build a circular economy that focuses on recycling and utilising waste resources before new mining for materials for the cleantech 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 agree

Why?

The scientific evidence is 100% clear. Unless we change immediately there will be considerably larger environmental, economic and social impact from climate related events.

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

Agree

Why?

Innovative means changing now toward green technologies, not the way the big petroleum companies would have it. Their motive is profit first, people and environment last.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

“Is effectively regulated” must mean being strongly regulated to be effective. There must be specific, measurable, time-framed steps with clear punitive consequences for non-compliance.

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

This industry needs independent oversight by a non-partisan government agency mandated to strictly enforce regulations.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

You need to specifically define "respected". It's current wording is too vague to be of any value unless its spelled out.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Maori have a greater total environmental understanding than pakeha do, and they are Treaty partners, so of course their perspective must be fully integrated.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The scientific evidence is 100% clear. Unless we change immediately there will be considerably larger environmental, economic and social impact from climate related events.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The scientific evidence is 100% clear. Unless we change immediately there will be considerably larger environmental, economic and social impact from climate related events.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It's simply common sense to be efficient, recycle and reuse.

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?

Unity is the only way to achieve the 2050 Carbon Neutral goal.

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?

Māori have a greater total environmental understanding than pakeha do, and they are Treaty partners, so of course their perspective must be fully integrated.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes, but not at the expense of the environment. People and nature before profit.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This industry needs independent oversight by a non-partisan government agency mandated to strictly enforce regulations.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Absolutely not. These permits must be cancelled now. It's insanity to promote carbon neutrality by 2050 and let oil giants like OMV continue to respect for oil! Hello?

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.

Why?

Only as long as the use of any oil is counterbalanced by carbon capture strategies

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

Strongly agree

Why?

If you don't consult the public of Aotearoa, people will protest

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes only if "health and safety" of the environment and people comes first.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

As long as "industry best practice" means for the environment and people.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

As long as "industry best practice" means for the environment and people.

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

Why?

As long as it means minimising any impact on the environment and people.

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

7 Environmental Principles of Nature: Nature knows best. ... All forms of life are important. ... Everything is connected to everything else. ... Everything changes. ... Everything must go somewhere. ... Ours is a finite earth. ... Nature is beautiful and we are stewards of creation.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

It must be environment-protection focused.

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

Appoint members of all major environmental and scientific organisations to a representative regulatory and monitoring body so ALL wise and informed voices are heard.

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

Agree

Why?

Yes, but only if this doesn't damage the environment.

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

Appoint members of all major environmental and scientific organisations to a representative regulatory and monitoring body so ALL wise and informed voices are heard.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

The Treaty!

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

Appoint members of all major environmental and scientific organisations to a representative regulatory and monitoring body so ALL wise and informed voices are heard.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

It's obvious that broad consultation with all affected people is the best way forward.

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

Appoint members of all major social, environmental and scientific organisations to a representative regulatory and monitoring body so ALL wise and informed voices are heard.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

"Industry best practice" must mean strongly regulated and monitored compliance by petroleum companies to protect the environment and people.

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

Appoint members of all major social, environmental and scientific organisations to a representative regulatory and monitoring body so ALL wise and informed voices are heard.

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?

Appoint members of all major social, environmental and scientific organisations to a representative regulatory and monitoring body so ALL wise and informed voices are heard.

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”?

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to this policy development. The writing is on the wall and in the sky. Unless the petroleum industry is strongly regulated now, their 'business as usual' approach to making money, will not help us mitigate disastrous climate impacts in time. What's needed is strong leadership to uphold values and practices for a green future. Kia kaha.

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