

Introduction

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Vision

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Because it is entirely contingent on definition of 'value'.

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

No - or very little - use of non-renewables for energy in NZ, with what little we do use locally sourced from sources that are sustainable for 1000+ years with no significant (i.e. on conservation values) ecological impacts.

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

100% renewable energy - including transport.

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?

This is entirely compatible with my answers to 'Vision' section.

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

Disagree

Why?

I tend to disagree as the goal should be minimal 'production' (i.e. extraction).

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

Strongly agree

Why?

As it is largely financed by international corporates with far too much money and influence, the sector needs strong legislation not subject to weakening by trade agreements etc.

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

Faster phase out of both local extraction AND importation.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

GHG outputs per capita are accelerating - not rapidly dropping as they need to. Change is imperative - respect is too weak a word. What is needed is a 100% commitment to observing sustainable observation of the laws of physics.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Imperative. Even many maori have lost touch with tikanga and kaitiakitanga.

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

Disagree

Why?

Too slow.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Ideally. But the goal is more important. Prioritise the less fortunate... capital will always find a way to adapt.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

No brainer

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

Agree

Why?

But only if that is a sustainable strategic direction.

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?

Definitely yes, but we know the case is often not - Ihumatao latest case in point. Also what of 'maori' commercial extractive industrial interests - do they too really meet their kaitiakitanga obligations?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Should be 100% state owned.

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

Disagree

Why?

See earlier point about multinationals' influence and sector prevalence of lobbying etc.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Nationalise and minimise now. This is a crisis.

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 foreseeable' need is way too vague... Replace with 'a drastically reduced sinking lid on the'.

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

Agree

Why?

Ideally. But it can be after change is made - consultation beforehand is too slow.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Tempered with common sense and an equal emphasis on minimising waste.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Disagree

Why?

That is a meaningless sentence that encourages waste. It is far too vague and bureaucratic, encouraging overuse of limited resources to please lawyers and mandarins. Eliminate such language from all policy.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because extraction is inevitable given lack of interest or dedication from those who have a say (which includes 'the public') - it will keep happening in the medium term.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Only if redress is sourced from those who profit from resource extraction - not the public.

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

Wherever the word 'stakeholders' appears - add these two words... 'and children'.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

Because current evidence would suggest it is woefully ineffective at protecting the environment.

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

'Cradle to cradle' legislation for all minerals and extracted resources. Zero waste.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Only if sustainable.

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

De-growth of the economy (with commensurate rellaocation of wealth to minimise the effect on the lower end of the population) should be an option.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

For peace, as a moral obligation, as because I believe the proportion of the nz populaition with maori heritage is increasing.

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

Universal state or iwi whakapapa records?

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See earlier points - likley too slow.

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Because it is human nature to take shortcuts.

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

URGENT electrification of NZ car fleet, plant based food productioun incentives, cradle to cradle manufacturing and packaging legislation.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

At who's cost? State funded research should only be in order to unsertand the risk associated with the next snake oil discovery.

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

Levies / higher levies for both extractors and importers of fossil fuels and products containing minerals (i.e. consumer lectronics) to fully fund research.

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”?

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