

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?

Value should be replaced by "essential needs within the net zero carbon framework"

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

as above

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

By anticipating what part it must play in conforming to the declining GHG emissions trajectory society must take to achieve the 2050 Zero Carbon emissions target.

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".

Disagree

Why?

The word "productive" should be deleted as it may not be necessary for a sustainable outcome.

Objective for a sector that: "Is productive and innovative".

Disagree

Why?

The word "productive" should be deleted as it may not be necessary for a sustainable outcome.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Preserve the wider public interest. We are not good at regulating ourselves

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

- The government has set a goal of Zero Net Carbon by 2050. Thus, as far as possible, the strategy must anticipate what minerals a society operating at 2050 will be able to use. This will require consideration of what capacity consumers will have to demand some of the mineral intensive goods they do now, when under an increasingly constrained emissions scenario. Most importantly, the Strategy must anticipate carbon budget recommendations from the Climate Change Commission to be readily adopted to achieve the 2050 goal. It must not include any provisions that frustrate that process itself or facilitate the prorogation of such provisions in future Government policy affecting the sector.

Guiding principles

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

Disagree

Why?

Respected is too loose a term and maintains a means by which the environment will play second fiddle to economic considerations.

Principle: Maori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

It's in the Treaty and other cultural interest groups should be treated similarly

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We think survival of life forms, including human, on earth is worthwhile although some in our group may not agree any longer with the second the way we are behaving!

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

Agree

Why?

Yes, of course

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We live on a planet with finite material resources. The only sustainable economy possible therefore is to recycle those materials using renewable energy.

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

Agree

Why?

Yes, of course

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?

Yes, of course

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

Agree

Why?

It will enable it to put that financial return into developing less emissions and fossil fuel intensive industries and speed the transition to a low carbon, circular economy. However, securing finance should not become a reason to sustain the sector above sustainable emissions pathways.

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

Disagree

Why?

"Proportionate" is too loose. Ultimately we need environmental bottomlines and at that point proportionate does not apply.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We are already way in GHG overshoot relying on massive carbon capture and storage technology in the second half of the century that does not even exist yet. We need to

cut all emission now as fast as we can. See for example
<https://climateneetwork.net/climate-models-predict-bigger-heat-rise-ahead/>

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?

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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?

Only if NGOs and other public interest bodies are considered "relevant stakeholders".

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Yes, of course

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

Yes, of course

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes, of course

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 NGOs and other public interest bodies are considered "relevant stakeholders".

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

- While the current wealth and jobs the industry is currently responsible for, that must logically be a secondary consideration to a fulfilling NZs responsibility for achieving that 2050 goal. If we fail there, we fail to meet even the current Plan objective of "building a productive, sustainable and inclusive economy".
- Once this general trajectory is identified, more "essential" ores with no expectation of redundancy or substitution need to be identified and given priority.
- The strategy specific for minerals that are a direct sources of GHG is required separate from all others.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Agree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

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

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

Agree

Why?

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"?

Given the Governments adoption of the concept of a Wellbeing framework why are we measuring benefit in terms of GDP still and not in terms of Wellbeing?

Strategy feels like a promotion of an industry which has massive environmental and

limit change impacts rather than a regulatory document that is out to promote reduction and substitution to cleaner more sustainable methods
The snap shot at the start of the Consultation document of all the positives the Minerals and Petroleum industry brings to NZ is interesting by why is there not a snap shot of all the adverse effects of the industry to give some sense of the tradeoff?
That might also help to shift the conversation from one focused on economic value to a broader sense of value.

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