

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?

We need to conserve our non-renewable resources for the future and stop burning fossil fuels.

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

It provides for our own essential survival needs drawing on virgin resources when no other alternative is reasonably available

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

Mining is exploitive, never sustainable. Harbours and conserving this resource is the only option.

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?

We need a dramatic turn around on how we use resources and too often waste them. This plan is Business as Usual.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Some sectors Ok, but some disasters, the worst Pike River

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

Disagree

Why?

Pike River shows failure. Applications do not need to take into account their CO2 and CH4 pollution burden.

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

Survival top objective. Greenhouse gas minimisation. Essential survival needs. (eg no helium for party balloons) Recovery of resources after consumer use.

Guiding principles

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Rather than 'are respected' replace with "have primacy"

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

Disagree

Why?

Carbon neutral by 2030

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

Agree

Why?

As long as small regions are favoured against the views of the whole country.

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

Agree

Why?

As long as needs are survival needs rather than 'wants'

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

Disagree

Why?

We need to move to a much less resource consumptive economy which rubs against material growth. All governments currently are not planning seriously for a difficult future.

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.

Disagree

Why?

In treating the emerging problem of climate heating and resource depletion we need to move to a kind of emergency footing where the whole of society might have to make sacrifices. The Crown's treaty partners should not bear the majority of that burden, but may need to accept some.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I cannot assess that proposition against data. It is of course a one-off, not sustainable.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Mining is favoured and has primacy under legislation. It is used to block the protection of natural values by making new reserves of a high conservation status. This needs to change. No point allowing biota to become extinct in the favour of a one off economic benefit. I have a specific example.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Many were permitted under very liberal, loose regimes. There is need for review and curtailment of rights in the fossil fuel sector where they have not exercised the right promptly. We must stop burning fossil fuel.

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.

Strongly disagree

Why?

It is not a level playing field, Mining is given a lot of privilege, as does farming. More constraints are needed as this is a polluting one off exploitive industry that impoverishes the future.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Too much is off the table for negotiation, even safety. Exploitation of these resources can have long term impact even when done within current rules.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Why?

The inability to send directors to jail for Pyke River is a great failure

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Conservation of the resource to provide for future needs.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

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

It's role as a leading facilitator of development needs to take several steps back as resource and climate problems confront us.

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

Disagree

Why?

It is not affordable, it is safe material survival that is the criteria.

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

Slow down or stop the exploitation of some existing resources to take them out to the future and to avert greenhouse pollution

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

Payments and other forms of recompense for agreeing to mining should be public for all parties to mining agreements including with Iwi.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Disagree

Why?

The primary relationship should be with the Crown

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

Payments and other forms of recompense for agreeing to mining should be public for all parties to mining agreements including with Iwi.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Pyke River and quarry accidents.

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

Payments and other forms of recompense for agreeing to mining should be public for all parties to mining agreements including with Iwi.

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

Agree

Why?

Emphasis on reducing consumption and waste

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

Sealing methane emissions from abandoned fossil fuel mines.

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

Identify how we can preserve fossil fuels in accessible sites for use in the future other than energy production.

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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