

## Introduction

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Individual

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General public

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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?

I agree with most of it, but I worry that any sort of actions may carry risks that would permanently damage the country's ecosystem even if done as responsibly as possible.

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

As environmentally risk averse as possible. Putting planet before profits.

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

I don't know.

### 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?

If it is part of a sustainable economy, that's a positive as long as it is long term sustainability. Plus making sure to be apart of net zero helps a lot.

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

Agree

### Why?

Innovation if environmentally or sustainably focused. Productivity is more complex and needs to be more selective, rather than productive for productions sake.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Regulatory bodies that have the power to enforce punishments on the risky or dangerous sectors is important for the common worker.

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

To have all current and future operations minimally affect the native ecosystems.

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

If I could put something higher than strongly agree I would. This is the most important thing when it comes to considering these sorts of operations.

**Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Destroying sacred landscapes and locations without permission and consensus is disgusting and disrespectful, so best to avoid that.

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

Agree

**Why?**

It'd be better if we got to carbon neutral sooner, what with the like "<1.5C by 2030 or we're all dead" deadline.

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We only have so much in the earth, we must find ways to break the late 20th to early 21st century consumption culture.

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

Agree

**Why?**

Government cohesion is important to avoid controversy.

**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?**

The Crown made their bed and now must lie in it.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because what happened in Venezuela sucked. Giving oil companies kick backs in exchange for personal wealth lies ruin for us all.

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

Some of the current permits may need reviewing in light of recent climate science.

**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?**

Not just resource need, but also climate science, should guide the Crown's decisions.

**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?**

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

**Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Workers need to ultimately own the means of production, but not being actively killed at work helps too.

**Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

Don't know what this partial statement means.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Exactly what innovation should be used for.

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

**Action areas intro**

**Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act**

Agree

**Why?**

Whilst I am not well read on this document, making sure that there aren't legal loopholes or outdated statements sound like a good idea.

**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**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

Affordable should not be the driving force. Environmental factors should be instead.

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

**Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We are one people, but it is always better to make sure that we all feel that way.

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

**Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

If a community is engaged, they can hold people accountable better for their missteps.

**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”?**

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