

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?

There will not be a worthwhile future for our childer if we continue to mine in an unsustainable way.

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

That it is there for what we need, not necessarily what we want.

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

Only by ceasing to mine coal and drill for petroleum/oil can NZ sustainably derive value from its mineral resources. Coal, oil, and gas are not sustainable for NZ or the world. It must cease and the industry in NZ must come to a rapid end.

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”.

Agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

Without effective regulation, the environment will not be considered and the mining of coal and oil will not cease. It needs to cease, if only to be in line with the government's commitments to being carbon neutral

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

The rapid end of mining of oil, gas, and coal needs to be at the front and centre of any strategy for New Zealand's mining industry. The replacement of it with a renewable energy program and creating new jobs in areas such as tree plantations and recycling also need to form part of this strategy.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

"Respected" needs to be replaced with "Protected". Then I would strongly agree with this principle.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly disagree

Why?

"Maori cultural interests are understood, respected, promoted, and followed"

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

2050 is far too distant. We need rapid change.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The impact on people, communities and regions are paramount in any decision.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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?

The strategic direction of the government is carbon neutral and improving the environment. This must be followed in the mining & resource strategy.

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?

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

Agree

Why?

Our mineral resources are vastly undervalued, not just in New Zealand but around the world. We need to use less of everything. One way to encourage this is to increase the price of natural resources. We'll use less, and the government (the people) will get a better return on what is theirs.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The Crown should regulate for the best outcomes for its people and the people of the world. This doesn't need to be fair.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The current permits extend too far into the future to fit within a sustainable resource strategy. They need to be closed.

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Future need is very hard to predict. And what we "need" now is way more than we can reasonably sustain. We need to use less, now. Planning needs to account for this (forced) reduction in use.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The profits of mining companies should be of no concern to the government. The will of the people and their needs are paramount.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly 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?

For the mining/farming/production that continues, it needs to be done as best it can.

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

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

Disagree

Why?

"Affordable" is a very loose term. The cost of minerals needs to go up to properly compensate for the damage done in extracting them from the earth.

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

We need to pursue solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal energy supplies and bring our reliance on oil, gas, and coal to zero.

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

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

Strongly 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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