

Introduction

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Individual

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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?

I believe that this sector can only be world leading in one possible way and that is by closing down the sector as rapidly as possible.

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

That is is entirely redundant and we do not use fossil fuels at all by 2030.

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

New Zealand cannot sustainably use any more fossil fuels, therefore cannot derive value from remaining resources. The world cannot afford to use any more fossil fuels if we are to avoid catastrophic global warming and I would say that any attempt to seek further fossil fuel resources is grossly irresponsible and anti-social.

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?

This objective contain two contradictory statements. Th minerals and petroleum sector, if taken as an inclusive sector, cannot support a sustainable economy because the use of petrleum is not sustainable. If the petroleum industry supports New Zealand's transition to a carbon neutral economy, it will not be sustainable, given that

the scientific evidence shows that we cannot continue to use fossil fuels and avoid catastrophic global warming.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

If the words productive are used for the ,minerals and petroleum,industry, there is an implication that there will be a continued use of fossil fuels and that cannot happen if we are to avoid the climate and ecological crisis that is rapidly becoming apparent.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

I believe in effective regulation of every industry but again, talking about effective regulation of an industry that cannot be sustainable is pointless.

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

cLosing down the petroleum element of the industry and separating out the elements of minerals and fossil fuels so that minerals can be sustainably managed in a way that benefits New Zealand and the rest of the world.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

I strongly believe that the environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity should be protected in the long term but they are not respected now. There is a lot of evidence of this in the degradation of fresh water, the many species that are endangered and the loss of forest and wetland in New Zealand. Once again, two statements that are very different have been linked together in a way that makes this point very difficult to discuss.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I would leave this question to Maori to answer. My belief as a pakeha is that Maori have not been understood or respected historically and I don't believe that prejudice has been overcome.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

I believe we need to be carbon neutral by 2030 at the latest.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

People in certain areas, for example the West Coast have not been treated in a just and inclusive way over the extraction of coal, and in society as a whole, there are many ways in which a big industry such as the minerals and petroleum industry, does not treat people in a just and inclusive way, for example through pay and environmental management.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This is the only way in which we can continue to provide for everyone in the future. It is essential to move from a wasteful consumerist society to one in which precious resources are valued and re-used.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The Government has not yet aligned itself with a strategy that will deliver carbon neutrality in the time frame that is needed to avoid catastrophic global warming. Therefore, many strategies are not yet going to be effective for the 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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I personally do not think that Māori are honoured as Treaty partners but this is a question Māori must answer.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The Crown should not expect to receive any return from petroleum because this resource must be left in the ground. The question once again joins two resources that should be managed entirely separately.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The 'Crown' consists of individuals with biases and prejudices at best and with vested interests at worst, making it almost impossible for the 'Crown' as an entity to be impartial.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Some of the existing permit holders hold permits for oil and gas exploration and I believe that these should be cancelled immediately. Worldwide, we cannot afford to use all the fossil fuels we already know about if we are to remain under 2 degrees of global warming so it is totally irresponsible to search for more.

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?

Once again, it is almost impossible for the individuals responsible for making decisions on behalf of the 'Crown' not to be influenced by industry interests or political opinions on how the economy needs to be managed.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

All the citizens of New Zealand are stakeholders in the future of our environment and the Crown does not communicate truthfully about the climate crisis. Therefore, decisions are not made in a transparent way.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

New Zealand has a very poor record of workplace safety and this should be a priority for any employer.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

This depends on the industry. I believe that best practice in any industry that involves fossil fuel extraction should be that it is closed down.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Once again, treating the minerals and petroleum industry as a single entity makes it impossible to discuss this question because what is relevant for minerals, ie, the statement above, is not appropriate for petroleum, as this industry cannot continue so efficiency is not relevant.

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?

The two parts of the industry need to be discussed separately, as stated above.

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

Please take immediate action to prevent OMV from continuing deep sea oil and gas exploration in the Southern Basin.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

It does not place a priority on reducing carbon emissions and planning for a future low carbon economy.

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

Separate fossil fuel extraction from mineral extraction, so that fossil fuels can be rapidly phased out while sustainability and safety of mineral extraction can be improved.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The resources must be sustainable and not include fossil fuels.

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

Exclude consideration of fossil fuels from our future mineral and energy needs.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

I believe that Maori are not yet honoured under the Treaty

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

Extend consultation with Maori iwi and hapu in order to find out from them what they want the Crown to do.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

This is vital for an equitable and sustainable society.

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

Extend the definition of stakeholders to allow improved public consultation in the form of Citizen's ASsemblies to discuss important questions about the future of resource extraction.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to improve sustainability and safety in industry.

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

Stronger regulation, stronger penalties for non-compliance and an increase in the numbers and powers of inspectorates.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Research and investment into better ways to manage resources is urgently needed.

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

Government investment in research to identify our needs under a sustainable energy system and a circular economy.

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

A commitment from the government that all new legislation will place environmental concerns of emissions and sustainability at the forefront of consideration.

Other

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the "Minerals and Petroleum Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand: 2019-2029"?

Do not allow any further consents for oil or gas exploration anywhere in New Zealand or off shore.

Cancel all existing permits with compensation to the permit holders only on the basis of proven need.

Do not allow any further consents for coal mining anywhere in New Zealand.

Close all existing coal mines with compensation for employees but compensation for mine owners only on the basis of proven need.

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