

Introduction

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Individual

Please indicate which group you most identify with or are involved in?

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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?

This Vision is not consistent with the Government's policy on climate change, which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050 under the Paris Accord. Everything in the Vision must fit within the framework of the climate emergency which we are facing now, and the need to change the ways we do things. Business as usual is not an option anymore. This industry is not welcome here with their stated vision.

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

To use their expertise to produce sustainable and environmentally sustainable methods of producing energy to meet our countries energy needs using eg wind, solar, wind

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

By not exploring for, producing or using coal, oil or gas.

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 is not possible in light of Aotearoa's commitment to the Paris Agreement of aiming to reduce temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celcius. The nature of their business does not allow for a carbon neutral economy.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Their version of 'productive and innovative' does not support Aotearoa's commitment to the Paris Agreement.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

These international companies do not respect Aotearoa's moral and ethical decisions to be an example to the world of use playing our part in becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

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

Their objectives should be to stop exploring, producing & using coal, oil & gas and only be committed to mining those minerals which enables and ensures our economy is carbon neutral by 2050h

Guiding principles

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

Agree

Why?

Our world can not exist unless these principles are the main driving force for all aspects of our lives together, including all other species which can not speak for themselves. The word 'respected' needs to be strengthened. I insist on the word “protected” instead.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

I insist on the word “protected”, instead of just 'respected'. We need to honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the spiritual concepts encompassed in that.

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

Agree

Why?

Strengthen this statement by inserting after 'Support' and ' strongly commit to'

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This principle must ensure that no more exploration or mining of coal, oil & gas occurs. Only alternative sustainable and renewable energy sources are used .

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

Agree

Why?

Replace word ' should align with ' with 'must adhere to' to ensure Government's policy to be carbon neutral by 2050 is achieved

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?

This is our founding document so needs to be adhered to.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The word 'fair' is not strong enough and who will decide. At the moment international companies are not making a realistic payment for the resources which they are extracting from our environment with environmental damage associated with their actions. International companies are more intent on selling resources off- shore- not for the benefit of Aotearoa.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This wording is not a statement which can be enforced. What is meant by these terms 'fair (to whom?) transparent (who judges), reasonable (to whom) and proportionate (on what basis)?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is not consistent with the Government's policy on climate change, which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050 under the Paris Accord. Everything in the Strategy must

fit within the framework of the climate emergency, and the need to change the ways we do things. Business as usual is not an option anymore. Current permit holders have no right to hold the future of our country and the world to ransom by going on exploring and mining for coal, oil, and gas when we all know we can not burn any such finds in order for us to remain under 1.5 degrees Celcius which we have committed to.

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.

Disagree

Why?

Who is providing that evidence? Future generations are relying on us to not keep exploring and mining coal, oil & gas. They are dependent on us getting out of those fuels and on to renewables eg wind and solar.

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

Agree

Why?

Who defies 'relevant stakeholders'? We as members of Aotearoa's society are the stakeholders as our planet's survival depends on our collective commitment to reduce our energy consumption. I do not consider mineral and petroleum companies are 'stakeholders' in this statement so this needs to be defined in this statement.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Word 'pursue' needs to be strengthened to 'ensure with strict guidelines' otherwise the industries will take advantage of the situations to cut costs.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

Add ' with strict compliance standards and penalties when not adhered to'

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

Agree

Why?

Bottom line- these extraction industries of coal, oil & gas do not have any place in Aotearoa, run by overseas companies as they do not have a true commitment to our strong environmental values.

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

Agree

Why?

Needs to be strengthened- Strict conditions need to be in place before they ever start with strong compliance conditions in place- along with independent monitoring and a large % bond paid before they ever start so it is already there if work needs to be done to clean up any environmental damage. re

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

here is no distinction made between fossil fuels, which must go to zero as fast as possible because they are driving climate change, and other minerals which should be assessed on their environmental impact. There is no distinction made between aggregates, rock used for roading and concrete which are abundant and can be mined with very low impact, and minerals like gold which cause major environmental disruption. Metals essential for the transition to a zero carbon economy (eg lithium, cobalt) should be given priority over those which are not essential eg gold. There is enough gold already above ground for essential industrial uses.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

'Modernising' is a very general term. The Crown Minerals Act needs to preclude all polluting minerals eg coal, oil & gas which are impacting on our ability to become carbon neutral by 2050.

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

Ban overseas petroleum and gas companies from exploring and producing in our waters.

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

Agree

Why?

Recycling what is already in circulation, and change our attitude to 'need for survival' as opposed to 'want or desire'. Reduce our energy needs by conserving. Use the mantra & practice 'waste not want not' in practical ways.

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

Use the mantra & practice 'waste not, want not' in practical ways. We are in a climate emergency situation and we need to act as if it was so- by all making sacrifices.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

It is our founding document

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

Ensure tangata whenua are involved in all aspects of changing this legislation in light of our Paris Accord commitment.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

People ie NZ citizens are feeling disenfranchised as stakeholders eg many and on-going protests shows the frustrations of citizens , trying to tell the Government that they are taking this climate emergency seriously. Young people in particular are showing their hurt with their future on this planet in jeopardy because ' old' people ' are making these decisions and we wont be around to have to deal with the dramatic changes our actions now will have on the safety on our planet earth in the future.

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

Treat the actions to take like we are in a Climate emergency now- a form of ' being on a war footing' for our planet & every living thing on it!

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Agree

Why?

'Improving' is a weak term. Need to use 'Ensure with strong penalties if not complied with. '

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

Penalties for non-compliance . Pay a sizeable deposit before they start to ensure little damage to our environment

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

Agree

Why?

Need to delete 'mining and' as shouldn't be doing that.

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

Emphasis off 'mining' and on to renewable, sustainable resources

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”?

The Minerals and Petroleum Resource Strategy document is about Aotearoa's overall approach to mining of both fossil fuels and other minerals. It is crucial to get this right as it will govern coal mines and oil and gas, and therefore climate change. Also it needs to be strong on how fossil fuels are phased out, for the next ten years.

It is essential that Aotearoa reduces the extraction and burning of fossil fuels to 50% by 2025 and to zero by 2030.

We need to do this by preventing building any new, or expanding coal mines and coal burning plants. We also need to end deep sea oil exploration and fracking for oil and gas.

This draft Strategy proposes that instead of them it envisages continued mining and burning of fossil fuels for many decades, with no suggested end point. This is ecocide, and we together must take action to ensure Aotearoa is not complicit in such an amoral action which will lead to our planet being uninhabitable in the long term. This is an ethical decision and our young people are looking to us older people, who are in a position to implement these laws/ policies to look beyond our own selfish attitudes.

Principle 10 (continuing production and exploration under current permits) puts the property rights of miners ahead of the transition to zero carbon. It means renewal and expansion of existing oil drilling licences even when there is a ban on new oil drilling. Any form of Principle 10 for fossil fuels should not be acceptable, and for other resources it should be dependent on environmental impact.

Gas is not a sustainable bridge to a low carbon (let alone zero carbon) economy. It's carbon dioxide emissions are more like 60% of coal rather than the 50% often quoted by industry. This has to be added to the significant methane releases from all parts of the production and use cycle.

In particular, any new gas wells or infrastructure will be used for decades and take Aotearoa backwards from the zero carbon future we need for survival. It should be phased out in the same way as coal and oil.

The Strategy should set a time frame for the phase out of fossil fuels, starting with no new coal mines or oil and gas wells. There is a need to protect essential uses of these fuels eg for steel making, for as long as possible, while closing down uses promptly for which there are good substitutes, like electricity generation.

There is mention of a circular economy, which is an excellent proposal, but there are no steps outlined to start the difficult journey to get there. This needs a strategy on its own.

The diagrams beginning on page 17 are very useful for people who have not previously engaged with the process, but the section on mining techniques is severely lacking in detail. Fracking, which is the most destructive of techniques, needs to stop now as part of the phase out. It is only used for oil and gas.

The Strategy proposes "balancing impacts across all 4 capitals". This is not acceptable. Climate and environmental protection must take precedence over such proposals as revenue to the Crown.

Te waka eke noa. We are all in this waka together. This whakatauki seems very appropriate as we put aside our own personal 'wants' for the greater good.

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