

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?

It is completely wrong to continue our dependence on fossil fuels, given the current urgent serious climate emergency. The statement above normalises and condones the ongoing reliance on fossil fuels.

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

Urgently reduce our dependence on fossil fuels with a strong focus on green technologies. Set a date for complete abandonment of fossil fuels and develop and fund alternatives.

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

The use of fossil fuels is not sustainable so it is incorrect to pose this question.

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?

I would add, eliminating our dependence on fossil fuels to this objective.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes we need to urgently develop innovative alternatives to fossil fuels.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Without regulation we will have 'cowboy' operators who do not adhere to the commitment to sustainable approaches.

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

Yes, we need a commitment and plan to eliminate our dependence on fossil fuels.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We need more than 'respect' - we need a strong commitment to protect these - for our own wellbeing as well as the rest of the planetary biodiversity

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations under Article Two. Again this should be stronger in relation to tino rangatiratanga. Māori perspectives need to be at the heart of the nation, and their voices central to all decision-making.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This means a pragmatic, clear, well-funded action plan.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Social harmony is important, as are Tiriti o Waitangi obligations.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The pursuit of ongoing economic growth at the expense of planetary wellbeing can no longer be condoned as our over-arching narrative. We need to urgently reframe this in order to avoid climate catastrophe.

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?

We should avoid tensions between related sectors & strategies by ensuring they all align with Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations and a commitment to removing our dependence on fossil fuels.

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 should be absolutely fundamental.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

We should not be promoting sale of petroleum.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Fair to Māori may not be viewed as 'proportionate' by those who don't understand our Tiriti obligations.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The Crown needs to exercise due restraint on current activities, there should be no renewals or expansions.

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?

The Crown must exercise leadership in moving the nation away from fossil fuel dependence.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The climate emergency message needs to be communicated clearly and urgently so that stakeholders can begin to adjust their expectations and find alternative non-carbon generating solutions.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Climate change is the number one health emergency facing humanity according to the Lancet.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Best practice must be redefined in the light of the climate emergency to prioritise the shift away from reliance on fossil fuels.

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?

Ultimately even those in the fossil fuel industries need to realise that the future of humanity and biodiversity requires the urgent move away from carbon emitting industries.

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

Tino Rangatiratanga - Māori rights as Kaitiaki to be foregrounded in all decision-making.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to take into account the climate emergency

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

Focus on non-carbon emitting industrial processes

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Avoid renewable energy sources that destroy biodiversity

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

This is a Crown obligation

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

Build in requirements for Māori (hapū, iwi) involvement in all decision-making

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Crown and Councils need to liaise with Māori in particular.

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

Require wide consultation with hapū & iwi and their involvement in decision-making.

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?

To assist the transformation to carbon neutrality

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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