

Introduction

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Vision

Do you agree or disagree with the overall vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

Disagree

Why?

This statement appears to want to continue with mineral and oil prospecting when there is already more than enough oil to overheat our planet. This must not be allowed to happen when those in favour will be the beneficiaries in the short term to the detriment of the environment.

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

Any mineral exploration must only be in the context of will it reduce our carbon footprint? If not resources and CO2 are being wasted and purely (?) adding to the problem.

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

The value of not using them is that it enhances our chances of keeping global warming below 1.5 degrees celsius.

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?

(a) is an oxymoron in that economies rely on growth, ipso facto, more stuff, more stuff, more global warming, less sustainable. Likewise (b) using petroleum towards carbon neutral is another oxymoron.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

If we want global warming, continue with the status quo.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It must be regulated within the point I made at the start, that every decision, regulation must be climate positive, i.e. keeping below 1.5 degrees warming.

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

If there are minerals that may be of use in reducing CO2 it must be in the context of a circular economy that reduces waste by reusing and recycling and is overall carbon negative.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

If we don't have an environment, we don't have an economy. Let alone a life and planet worth living on.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Mostly for the previous reasons, no environment, no economy. although we should aim for 2030, as we deserve some pain if we have procrastinated for nearly 40 years since the science told us about global warming.

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

Agree

Why?

Only in as much as we must all accept that the first splatters of the shit are hitting the fan.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Obviously, as it will reduce our carbon footprint.

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?

As long as the "strategic direction" is to reduce our carbon footprint.

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.

Strongly agree

Why?

A fair return should be commensurate with the damage the petroleum industry has done with the 50 years of its orchestrated litany of lies about climate change! That should be retrospective, too.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

As above. A fair return should be commensurate with the damage the petroleum industry has done with the 50 years of its orchestrated litany of lies about climate change! That should be retrospective, too.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

No , No , No! There is no logic to continuing exploration and recovery of particularly fossil fuels as it will not reduce global warming, only increase it.

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 agree

Why?

The critical statement here is "future generations" and the policy decision for future generations exceeds any other reason. Particularly after 2050.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Tell the relevant stakeholders that the clear and transparent vision is a carbon neutral future.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

Remembering again that the negative impacts of these operations is usually global warming.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The engagement with stakeholders is to patiently explain to them that the environment is ultimately far more important than their profits.

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?

It must take into account at every level global warming.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

renewable energy must meet our needs without fossil fuels. Interest free loans for households to install solar panels along with power companies being obliged to buy back to the grid excess power at a sensible amount otherwise more people will go completely independent of the grid to the detriment of both parties.

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

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

Agree

Why?

Defining what minerals are carbon neutral and actually useful, gold doesn't need to be mined, the world has more than enough.

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”?

I feel this strategy has a leaning towards continuing mining etc. when minerals will seem irrelevant when the oceans are a metre higher, and floods and storms are stronger than even those of the last few years.

Please think of our children and grand children before allowing more mining.

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