

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?

The vision statement should be to eliminate a petroleum sector with the greatest possible speed and to place the minerals sector under strong environmental controls as a priority, not an afterthought. We should not aim to be leading the world in either sector.

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

That the petroleum and coal sectors should be phased out as expeditiously as possible and the other mineral extraction sectors be more strictly regulated to achieve environmental goals.

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

It should not have that aim.

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?

'Value for New Zealand' should not be an objective. A sustainable economy (environmentally) cannot be achieved without phasing out petroleum exploration and production and coal production.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We should not be producing (extracting) petroleum or coal.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes, much stronger regulation for any residual activity in the sector is imperative.

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

Ending petroleum exploration and production; ending coal extraction. Tighter controls over all other mineral extraction (including quarries).

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

To achieve that principle petroleum and coal extraction must cease.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

So long as Maori place kaitiakitanga always to the forefront.

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

Agree

Why?

But 2050 is too far out. It should be at least 2040, preferably 2030.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Well, obviously.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Again, obviously.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

A principle only applicable if the government is more strongly committed to achieving environmental goals, especially the reduction of risk to the climate.

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?

That should underpin all government policy.

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

Disagree

Why?

The government should not be looking to gain any financial return from the industries which should be phased out. It gives the government an incentive not to be as rigorous as it must on climate and other environmental problems.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Not if 'fair, transparent, reasonable and proportionate' applies to companies or corporations aiming to profit from the extraction of petroleum or coal.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The existing permits must be voided. There is no time left for this 'reasonable', slowly does it' approach.

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?

Any need for petroleum or coal must be eliminated from the economy as a matter of principle. Meeting any need for other minerals should be met in accord with the principle.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Again obviously, good governance requires that.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I am not interested in commenting on industries which I think should be phased out as soon as possible. This comment applies to all my answers in this section

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See above.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See above.

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?

See above.

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?

To make environmental concerns guide all aspects of the Act.

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

Stiongly disagree

Why?

Affordability should not take any precedence over enviromental responsibility.

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

Meet energy needs by a rapid transition to renewables; reduce overall energy needs by transforming the country's transportation systems.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Treaty partnership should mean 'shared sovereignty' in all areas of our national life.

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Again an obvious requirement of good governance.

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

Reducing the power and influence of the petroleum, coal and road transport lobbies in government in favour of improving community engagement.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

The petroleum and coal sectors must be required to become compliant with much stronger regulations intended to protect the environment and mitigate or better reverse adverse climate impacts.

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

Massive fines for failure to comply and massive financial incentives to exit petroleum and coal extraction activities by companies and corporations.

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

Agree

Why?

It depends what is being mined; if 'resource use' includes re-use and recycling research should be supported and investment be increased, in that area, not in mining.

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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