

## **Introduction**

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Individual

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Environmental

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### **Vision**

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

Agree

### **Why?**

This is just so hard to achieve; with corporate and individual greed. Kia kaha

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

That we learn to live more simply: conserving , recycling the precious resources of our One Planet. More care and action to preserve than to extract(to extinction)

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

By more careful monitoring of Mining interests; better research and planning before new consents are issued to mining

### **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”.**

Agree

### **Why?**

This MAY be possible; it will take more time and expense than we may have to achieve carbon neutrality

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

Agree

**Why?**

We certainly need be innovative. Can we be continuously productive with a finite planet?

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This is essential to get the best out of a sector so fraught with greed

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

A moral revolution for N.Z. "hearts and minds"

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We've got to do better here: too much damage to papatuanuku, too many threatened/lost species

**Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

As tangata whenua they have lived longer with greater respect for land and marine environments

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

Agree

**Why?**

This is aspirational; but we must aim high for the Planet

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We will not achieve the fine goals without a better people involvement

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Planet earth has great, but finite resources; great care is needed with them

**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?**

Yes: government agencies must be brought on board with other sectors. We cannot allow un-necessary fragmentation

**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?**

The Treaty is explicit about taonga. The partners are bound to work together

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

Does this imply an aggressive policy; continuous extraction?

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Regulation is essential and must show all these things above

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

Agree

**Why?**

Some restraints/ constraints may be necessary for current permit holders

**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.**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

We do not fully know how full the resources are and how best to use them." Leave it in the Ground is a wise maxim

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

Agree

**Why?**

This is difficult to determine, but worth striving for

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

**Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Too many past disasters in Coal Mines on W.Coast, ending in Pike R.; Waihi Gold mine disaster and now ecological threat to Town. We owe better and better

**Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Mining companies have bad records: best practice is possible

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

Agree

**Why?**

This is hard to achieve given complexity/ greed/ human fallibility. We must do better: people before profit

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This is the active people part. Yes

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

Moral responsibility is necessary for all parties

**Action areas intro**

**Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act**

Agree

**Why?**

New factors require up-dates and tighter regulation

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

Give more emphasis to the human factors thru' hui and working groups, perhaps using groups such as Forest and Bird, GreenPeace and Green Party; even Church action groups and Unions to host/ facilitate such hui

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

There are many new factors re. what future needs might be. Securing precious resources for obtaining future precious resources seems problematic

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

This is a big call; geologist reports; social demographics; legal acts etc.. The government could pull this together tho'

**Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Tangata whenua are really "Senior Partners" in this Treaty regarding the land. This needs to be recognised

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

Hui on marae bring Treaty partners/ community and mining interests together

**Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

These people factors have surely been largely missing from this sector. These groups will add to the effectiveness of the process

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

I favour hui, if possible, since marae are often based in the country

**Action Area: Improving industry compliance**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This most difficult of challenges for safety and responsibility in mining. Surely needs improvement.

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

Linking: community/ stakeholders/ legal meetings and consultation with continued external monitoring. The legal, contractual obligations will need to be 'watertight' whilst the mining operation needs to be able to be reviewed in a creative way. Mining is a dynamic industry calling for drastic intervention at short notice. A strict application of law might not suffice where human lives and ecological welfare are threatened

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

Agree

**Why?**

Understanding and money are surely needed. These are not enough to ensure the desired goals, however. There are still further human factors: appreciating where ,

what and how to mine. These are moral and ethical considerations, requiring a different set of skill and application

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

Consider the value of "night classes" and other educational initiatives to study the practical application of geology, vis-a-vis ecology

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

Work, reflection and a prayerful respect for papatuanuka must undergird this important strategy. It's not just for the experts and visible stakeholders

**Other**

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

I have learn from this exercise. In a way I'm just beginning. I would appreciate opportunities to meet/discuss with other Greens. Or to be part of a Select Committee process, if a Bill gets that far. Thanks to you Gareth, for your initiative and action here

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