

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?

Because the petroleum and fossil fuels sector can not be environmentally responsible. The only way forward is to ditch it and switch to renewable energy. Our world is burning and drilling for oil will only make it worse.

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

My vision is for it to completely transform into renewable and sustainable energy sources. As for mining, it should be reduced drastically, if it's not possible to eliminate it altogether. Our priority needs to be conservation of the environment, and mining and drilling is not possible with this in mind.

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

The best we can do is lead into new energy sources, recycling and reusing minerals that have already been mined, instead of mining for new ones. And transitioning as quickly as possible into a circular economy that produces no waste and as little harm as possible to our planet.

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".

Disagree

Why?

Because the document cites Natural gas and other fuels as part of a Transition. This is not true, responsible or possible. The science is in and the best we can do is get away

from fossil fuels in all its forms. A Just Transition needs to involve retraining for the workers in these sectors and a transition to clean energy sources. Not extending the time for burning up our home.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

This is obviously a good intention, but "productive and innovative" within the same market logic we have had for decades? or without stopping our dependence on fossil fuel? It is meaning less. If, on the other hand it means approaching solar farms, wind farms, harnessing geothermal and tidal energy sources, if the priority is sustainability and not profit... then we are talking. That's what innovation and productivity should mean in NZ nowadays.

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

Agree

Why?

Agree in principle as regulation is important, but with the caveat I mentioned before. Regulation needs to move us forward to a future with 0 dependence on fossil fuels. Not regulation to guarantee profits from the continued (even if managed) plundering of Papatuanuku.

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

Yes. Consider eliminating and radically reinventing these sectors as they are today. We need to focus on future facing tech, alternative and clean energy. Not keeping alive this deadly part of our economy that continues to poison our air, earth and sea.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This needs to be the first and foremost principle if we care about providing a future for our tamariki.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to listen and learn from the maori principles of Kaitiakitanga and respect for our mother earth.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Although I really wish the objective was 2025 or 2030. 2050 might already be too late.

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

Agree

Why?

We need to listen to our communities, and first of all, our children and their concerns for a liveable future.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Kate Raworth's Doughnut economics should be a guiding beacon for the restructuring of our economy and society.

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

Agree

Why?

Only if the strategies point to environmental responsibility and awareness. The greedy obsession with profit needs to stop urgently.

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 reflected on every government decision. Sadly it isn't so far.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Financial return for oil and minerals should be the last priority. What will we do with the money in a dead world? Environmental sustainability is paramount, beyond market considerations or profitability.

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

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We are in the midst of an environmental crisis. We can't allow permit holders to make things worse for all of us, just because there was a commercial commitment. I realise this will create a strong business backlash, but survival of life on earth is more important than business confidence.

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.

Agree

Why?

The evidence is we need to move away from fossil fuels. Scientist in the IPCC have stated so clearly. We can survive without fossil fuels. We cannot survive without a healthy ecosystem.

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

Agree

Why?

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?

Industry has shown they can't be trusted with anything but profitability. They have lied to the public and covered up the damage they have done to our planet for decades

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Their best practice has proven it doesn't take into account the health of ecosystems in the future. They can't be trusted anymore.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We should halt extractive operations altogether. They can't be done with no impact. And the impact is already bad enough.

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?

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

Consider the decades long disinformation campaign that has been advanced and financed by the oil industry around the world. Consider they are responsible for the crisis we are seeing. Consider they do not deserve our trust or our support any longer. Be brave and stand up to those that have started and fanned the flames of the fire that consumes our home.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Modernising is not enough if it perpetuates the abuse of our lands and seas.

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

Ideally, legislate with the foremost objective of preserving nature and life on our planet. Clean air, water and healthy ecosystems are far more valuable towards the future than any minerals operation. If it means a weaker economy, so be it. Life must be our guiding principle.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

Moving towards clean energy sources.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

We need Kaitiakitanga. We need Maori stewardship and leadership to move forward.

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

Empower the Maori communities to manage and decide over their resources.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Agree

Why?

People don't benefit from the profits of multinational companies. But we bear the brunt of the degradation caused by them

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Agree

Why?

Far too long companies have gotten away with degradation and plundering for the sake of money. This needs to change.

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

Set rules that enshrine and respect the well being of our ecosystems and our lifeforms.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

We need to stop mining. Stop drilling.

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

Stop them. Protect our whenua.

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

Moving 100% away from the mining and drilling. Lead the world in sustainable energy sources. Aim high and deliver, for the planet and the future.

Other

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

I'm disappointed it doesn't reflect PM Ardern's declaration of a Nuclear Free Moment, by just attempting to delay meaningful action and maintain the status quo, which we see clearly is wrecking our home planet.

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