

Introduction

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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?

Being environmentally responsible is essential if we wish to leave the planet in a fit state for future generations.

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

That the sector research and put energy and capital into sustainable products.

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

My understanding is that in the long run, the industry needs to close down.

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?

Carbon neutral is at least a step in the right direction.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Agree with 'innovative', but I think we need to scale back on 'productive' if that means 'increased production', which is really not sustainable.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Need to be accountable

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

A sunset clause?

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It's a big change, because profit and production have usually come first in the past.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Because of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Essential for the survival of the planet.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

People before profit.

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

Agree

Why?

Supports sustainability.

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?

More than ever, sectors need to work together to mitigate the effects of climate change.

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 a founding document of Aotearoa/NZ, and we have a moral obligation to uphold it.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Clearly, running at a loss isn't ideal.... but financial gain needs to be secondary to the common good.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

More likely to get compliance if regulations are, and are seen to be, fair.

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

Disagree

Why?

Not necessarily - there may need to be compensation or incentives to mitigate poor environmental or climate outcomes.

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?

So long as part of the accounting for the foreseeable need includes research into alternatives.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

To increase compliance.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

People before cost saving.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

No shortcuts.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Essential for mitigating negative impacts on environment/climate.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The right thing to do.

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

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

Clarity for all parties.

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

Consider moving towards a sunset clause.

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

Agree

Why?

Economic considerations should not be the driver, but minimising necessary expenditure is still important.

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

Incentives for households to minimise their use of resources: eg subsidies for converting to solar power, more emphasis on public transport, campaigns to encourage cycling/walking/jogging for short journeys.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

It's the right thing to do.

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

Not my area of expertise.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Greater compliance.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Research incentives for alternative sources.

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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