

## Introduction

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Individual

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General public

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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?**

The key phrase is "in an environmentally and socially responsible way". We have to approach this with the knowledge we have about the climate crisis.

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

That we take from the ground only what we absolutely need; that we become a world leader on extracting and recycling minerals from products that are no longer in use; that we extract no more fossil fuels from the ground.

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

By leading the world in this sustainable change.

**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 agree

**Why?**

Moving to a sustainable economy is key to our future, and transitioning to a carbon neutral economy is the responsible way to do that, ensuring that there is a just transition for those whose jobs will be lost, e.g. for those within the fossil fuel industry.

**Objective for a sector that: "Is productive and innovative".**

Agree

**Why?**

It depends on the definition of "productive". We should be doing everything we can to minimise further extraction of minerals. Innovative yes, we need to find new ways of re-using the minerals that we already have and creating a circular economy. New Zealand can become a world leader in this.

**Objective for a sector that: "Is effectively regulated".**

Agree

**Why?**

Regulation will be key to making sure that this transition happens in a fair manner for all involved.

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

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Without our environment, ecosystems and biodiversity life on earth will not be able to continue in the way that we know it today, and it is hard to predict what the fallout will be. But there will no doubt be some dire consequences, e.g. losing food security due to crop failures if we lose the pollinating insects.

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

Agree

**Why?**

New Zealand can be a world leader in looking after the interests of its indigenous people, action which has been shown to correlate with protecting the environment.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Climate change is happening, and quite honestly, I find it terrifying to consider how it will affect my children's futures. Transitioning to a carbon neutral economy is our only hope of avoiding the potentially catastrophic change that will eventuate with a temperature rise of more than 1.5 degrees. I'm not going to repeat the literature on this as it's widely understood by now!

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Some regions will be harder hit than others in the move away from, in particular, fossil fuel extraction (Taranaki comes to mind whenever this is discussed). The region

should be supported by government and where possible alternative means of employment should be encouraged to develop within the region, with appropriate training/education provided.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This will have the joint benefits of protecting the environment and costing less in the long run.

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

**Principle: The Crown honours its duty towards Maori as a Treaty partner, adheres to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and its duty to meet settlement commitments.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Why would it not, given that is what has been agreed?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

I don't know enough about this.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

Our situation has changed, climate change is happening and faster than we predicted. We need to phase out the extraction of fossil fuels as fast as possible. We don't need it, so let's set an example for the rest of the world.

**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?**

Yes, as long as that fits into the Zero Carbon Bill and a rapid phase out of fossil fuel extraction. Otherwise future generations haven't got a chance.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Relevant stakeholders being the general population of New Zealand, in particular the younger generations who are going to live for longest with the consequence of the decisions that are made.

**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.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Where further extraction is the only option to meet our needs, we should absolutely aim to be as efficient as possible and minimise any negative impacts as far as we can.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Carbon pricing has been recognised by economists and scientists as the only sustainable way forward through the climate change crisis. Whilst New Zealand has the ETS, it has not worked to reduce carbon emissions, and an alternative is required. The carbon fee and dividend strategy that has been adopted in Canada and other countries is a fair way of implementing a carbon fee, as the money collected is then paid out pro rata as a dividend, meaning that any price rises due to the carbon fee are offset for most households, in particular for low and middle income households, making it a progressive and politically sustainable policy.

**Action areas intro**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

**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**

Agree

**Why?**

Yes, but at the same time making sure we recycle all that we can and working to reduce our needs.

**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**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

**Action Area: Improving industry compliance**

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?**

Any research and investment should go into improving efficiency and making extraction only where absolutely necessary.

**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?**

Look at best practise in other countries. Consider the carbon fee and dividend model – see more details at <https://citizensclimatelobby.nz/fee-and-dividend.html>.

**Other**

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

Thank you for this consultation, it gives me hope.

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