

## Introduction

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### Position title (if applicable):

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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?

Strongly disagree

### Why?

We should not allow extractive industries on our shores, and especially never ship these products overseas. They are fundamentally unsustainable, thus the above concept is an oxymoron.

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

That they will move to divesting from fossil extraction and invest in actual sustainable, renewable energy

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

By leaving these resources in the ground, caring for the exceptionally precious environment in which they are situated, and regeneration of native forests where extraction has previously taken place.

### 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?

You have no date by which all of these industries must be carbon neutral .

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

By stating "inclusive" you indicate a right for these companies to be included even if they are not taking part in carbon neutrality.

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

You do not sufficiently define "value". In the current climate crisis, real value is in sustainability not money.

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

Yes! Complete divestment from extractive minerals and petroleum. How the industry will be held accountable and what reparation will be given our children and grandchildren when the climate is destroyed. Clear reference to tino rangatiratanga and cultural treasures of the whenua in your objectives.

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

Your date is far too far in the future. We already have clear science stating carbon neutral must be in place immediately.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

You also need to include reduction before any of those other principles.

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

This is a particular special case of need for immediate divestment. This statement allows loopholes for future governments to renege what you could do in creating a strong, sustainable future for our land and people.

**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?**

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

It is not possible to fairly recompense or place market value on these assets. They are priceless.

**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?**

Permits which were awarded prior to acknowledgement of the climate crisis need to be renegotiated in light of the vast change in circumstances, and our current knowledge of the fundamental contribution extractive industries are making to this crisis.

**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 agree

**Why?**

Provided your evidence is scientific and not financial / lobbied for.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Health and safety at a population level as well to mitigate climate harm.

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

There should be no operations.

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

There should be no extraction, so no efficiencies or damage minimisation should be needed.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

On the proviso that there is fair and equal population representation of stakeholders, not just representation of financial stakeholders

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

Yes. Complete divestment from fossil fuels immediately.

**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**

Disagree

**Why?**

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

**Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership**

Strongly 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**

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 disagree

**Why?**

**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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