

Introduction

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Vision

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See attached document

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

Submission in response to the NZ Government ten-year plan for oil and minerals
From: Lawrence John Carter I am a member of the National Committee of Engineers for Social Responsibility Inc. (ESR). As part of my contribution to ESR I have assisted with the publication of 20 peer-reviewed papers on various aspects of climate change. These can be found on the ESR website www.esr.org.nz . I wrote Paper 17, which deals with sea-level rise and its likely impact. I am a retired professional engineer and academic staff member of the University of Auckland. In order to provide a viable planet for our descendants, we need to keep global warming to a limit of 1.5°C above the pre-industrial level. This means that we have to reduce our carbon emissions very significantly over the next ten years or so. This will not be easy since our economy relies heavily on the burning of fossil fuels such as oil, coal and gas. However, as a matter of survival it is necessary to make this change, and most of the 'reserves' of fossil fuels must be left in the ground. These principles lead to some policy points. First, there should be no new exploration for oil or gas, either on land or under the sea. Existing explorations should be curtailed as soon as possible. Second, those employees affected by these changes must be supported as they transition to new, sustainable employment. Third, an economy needs to be developed that relies on recycling (of minerals, etc.) first, and moves to extraction as a last resort. I understand fully that it's easy to say these things, and perhaps very difficult to do them, but for our continued survival we need to move in this direction. As a first step, Engineers for Social Responsibility is helping to organise a 'Convergence' in November, during which engineers will explore ways to make substantial reductions in carbon emissions in their businesses. See <https://www.carbontransition.net/> .

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

See attached document

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”.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See attached document

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See attached document

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

Agree

Why?

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

See attached document

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.

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

But too late! We need to be there much sooner than 2050

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

Strongly agree

Why?

See attached document

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

Strongly agree

Why?

See attached document

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 Māori as a Treaty partner, adheres to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and its duty to meet settlement commitments.

Agree

Why?

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

Disagree

Why?

See attached document

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.

Disagree

Why?

See attached document. Current permit holders may have "rights", but it is in all our interest that they do not pursue them.

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.

Disagree

Why?

Meaningless statement.

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.

Agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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?

See attached document

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

See attached document

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

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

See attached document

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Another rather meaningless statement.

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

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See attached document

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”?

If you wish to, attach a document to this submission.

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