

## **Introduction**

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### **Position title (if applicable):**

### **Is this an individual submission or on behalf of a group or organisation?**

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?**

If it was genuinely world leading this sector would be moving away from petroleum extraction altogether. It is important to differentiate between minerals and petroleum as the mining and use of these have vastly different environmental effects. Fossil fuels extraction must decrease down to zero as fast as possible because they are a major driver of climate change. Other minerals must be assessed on their environmental impact. Minerals also should be subject to distinction also. Metal for roading is abundant and low impact to obtain, gold is not and there is enough existing above ground gold to satisfy needs if it was only for essential use and not adornment.

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

That it is consistent with a robust Climate Change policy which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050 under the Paris Accord. All policy must acknowledge and work within the climate change emergency. When the strategy states that ecosystems and biodiversity are protected rather than respected.

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

There should be a timeframe for the phase out of fossil fuel extraction commencing immediately with no new oil, gas or coal mines. While we have no other options at present essential use of these products should be protected and uses for which there are viable substitutes should be closed down immediately.

### **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?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because isn't it just bad business to be neither ?

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because businesses need regulation from an independent body because they become arrogant, greedy and self serving without it.

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

Stop fracking.

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Along with respected I would also like to see the word "protected" now and in the long term. I support a strong and binding National Policy Statement on Biodiversity.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

If not before, because there is no other option.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because more people at the table working towards consensus delivers a more broadly thought out result.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because the world needs to move towards a circular economy and New Zealand needs to keep up or we will be left behind.

**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?**

**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?**

Because its the right thing to do in a fair and equitable society.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Of course but calculating what is fair needs to take into account the true cost to the environment of extraction, mitigation, and use and this expense would make fossil fuels cost prohibitive so how is "fair" to be calculated ?

**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?**

As regards fossil fuel extraction, why should the rights of a few existing permit holders take precedence over the rights of all other living things and ahead of a just transition to carbon zero. It is not fair to allow expansion and renewal of existing permits when there is a ban on new oil drilling and I support this ban. We should not accept any form of principle 10 for fossil fuels and it is dependent on environmental impact for other resources.

**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?**

**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?**

**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?**

**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?**

**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**

Strongly agree

**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 agree

**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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No

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