

Introduction

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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?

There is no distinction made between fossil fuels, which must go to zero as fast as possible because they are driving climate change, and other minerals which should be assessed on their environmental impact. There is no distinction made between aggregates, rock used for roading and concrete which are abundant and can be mined with very low impact, and minerals like gold which cause major environmental disruption. Metals essential for the transition to a zero carbon economy (eg lithium, cobalt) should be given priority over those which are merely "nice to have" (eg gold – there is enough gold already above ground for essential industrial uses.) The draft Strategy is not consistent with the Government's policy on climate change, which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050 under the Paris Accord. Everything in the Strategy must fit within the framework of the climate emergency, and the need to change the ways we do things. BAU is not an option anymore. We should insist on the word "protected". Principle 10 (continuing production and exploration under current permits) puts the property rights of miners ahead of the transition to zero carbon. It means renewal and expansion of existing oil drilling licences even when there is a ban on new oil drilling. We should not accept any form of Principle 10 for fossil fuels, and for other resources it should be dependent on environmental impact. Gas is NOT a sustainable bridge to a low carbon (let alone zero carbon) economy. Biomass is the only true option to fuel a low emissions economy. Process heat moving to gas or electrification will not further our climate aims. Gas's carbon dioxide emissions are more like 60% of coal rather than the 50% often quoted by industry), and we have to add to that significant methane releases from all parts of the production and use cycle. Particularly, any new gas wells or infrastructure will be used for decades and take us backwards from the zero carbon future. It should be phased out in the same way as coal and oil. The Strategy should set a timeframe for the phase out of fossil fuels, starting with no new coal mines or oil and gas wells. No more corporate welfare-

protecting essential uses of these fuels (eg steel and aluminium making, milk processing and coal use in hospitals, universities and schools). Policy change should incentivise closing down uses for which there are good substitutes, like biomass fuel, promptly. There is lip service paid to a circular economy, which is good, but no steps to take to start the difficult journey to get there. This needs a strategy on its own. The section on mining techniques doesn't even mention fracking! This is the most destructive of techniques and needs to stop as part of the phase out. It is only used for oil and gas. The Strategy proposes "balancing impacts across all 4 capitals". This is not OK! Climate and environmental protection must take precedence over revenue to the Crown, for example.

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

environmental sustainability and kaitiakitanga

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

cut out fossil fuel exploration and reduce use thereof

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?

Tiwai point should not be subsidised. EITEs are a crock.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

we should not encourage fossil fuels- move to biomass

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

Strongly agree

Why?

discourage fossil fuels across the board

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

kaitiakitanga

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

needs to be stronger- protect not respect

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

kaitiakitanga is paramount

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

Strongly agree

Why?

speed it up- this is an emergency

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

Strongly agree

Why?

industry should not be protected over the environment

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

Strongly agree

Why?

is this lip-service? A true circular economy includes the obvious solution- biomass --- as carbon-neutral renewable fuel for industry, hospitals and schools.

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?

environment over economy

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?

kaitiakitanga is paramount

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

Strongly agree

Why?

royalties currently are paltry

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

Why?

kaitiakitanga is paramount- time for reasonableness is over

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

kaitiakitanga is paramount- time for reasonableness is over- ban all exploration now!

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 disagree

Why?

kaitiakitanga is paramount- time for reasonableness is over- ban all exploration now!

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

Strongly agree

Why?

kaitiakitanga is paramount- time for reasonableness is over- ban all exploration now!
Just tell them its over!

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Pike River?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Pike River?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Environment first

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?

Writing's been on the wall for years.....

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

Climate change emergency

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

Climate change emergency

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

Climate change emergency

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

Stiongly disagree

Why?

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

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

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Maori lead in guardianship

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

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

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

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

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

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

Action Area: Research and investment in better mining and resource use

Strongly agree

Why?

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

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

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

Are there any other action areas you would like us to consider as part of advancing this Strategy?

Climate change emergency -requires re-set to no fossil fuels

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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