

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?

No place for a petroleum sector long term. Climate change will demand that our carbon neutrality goals will become carbon zero and then carbon negative (long before 2050).

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

The voluntary (or legislated) and speedy end to the petroleum sector in NZ.

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

It cannot sustainably derive value from its petroleum resources. Full carbon/climate and environmental costs of the extraction and use of other mineral resources must be included in decision making processes around what to extract and use and how.

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”.

Agree

Why?

The wording is at least moving in the right direction, in that it refers to a carbon neutral economy (I have already mentioned this will soon be revealed as a woefully inadequate goal). And I have also mentioned that petroleum/gas should be separated out from everything else.

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

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

The whole sector could be redesigned with circular economy principles in mind.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

I agree, but respected does not seem strong enough. How about preserved? Regenerated? Considered pre-eminent?

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

I agree yes, but woefully inadequate and not nearly ambitious enough.

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

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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?

Has to be the case. Climate change response needs to be a whole system response, and a primary contributor to the problems cannot be allowed to continue to operate counter to any strategy to resolve and reverse it.

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 agree

Why?

Agin, no to profiting from the prolonging or continuation of the petroleum beyond what is minimally necessary.

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?

The context has change - the conditions that prevailed any time in the past did not include a full recognition of the damage that a world economy powered by fossil fuels was doing. This is no longer the case. Further to that, elements of the fossil fuel industry have been complicit, and continue to be complicit, in obfuscating their part in driving climate change while continuing to drive for profits based on old world thinking.

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?

I strongly agree with this because I expect that this will mean that policy decisions will hasten the end of the fossil fuel industry in NZ, and more broadly will no longer tolerate environmental degradation and species extinction as acceptable costs of going about our business as humans.

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

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.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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 disagree

Why?

This sounds like weasel word for 'price/cost can override any other considerations'

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?

Greater input by iwi and hapu leading to better decisions with minimal environmental impact.

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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