

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?

The world no longer needs a minerals and petroleum sector--we need a transition away from reliance on the extract and exploit relationship with our natural world.

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

That it is phased out rapidly in a transition to a circular economy.

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

By admitting to itself that the cost of this 'value' must be assessed in global eco-ethical terms

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?

I believe this objective has great value, I do not understand how it is achievable in an extract and exploit sector. We need to think more radically. The sector has made impossible wealth while destroying the planet. How are we still having this conversation. Radical change is needed on all fronts. There is no such thing as a responsible, sustainable petroleum sector.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The regulation must be aimed at transition away from extract and exploit.

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

Transition to circular economy.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because life as we know it depends on this. And these things MUST take precedence over profit.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

These are interests that if understood and respected lead to a more just and more sustainable way of life.

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

Agree

Why?

It needs to happen sooner!

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 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?

Assuming these others strategies are aimed at transitioning to a circular economy and climate justice.

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?

In my view, there is no 'fair' way to participate in an economy based on extract and exploit. As with products from endangered species, which our planetary eco-system now qualifies as, we need to dry up the demand.

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?

Haven't they done enough damage????!! and made enough profit??? They should be being fined for the harm they have inflicted on our grandchildren not have their immoral interests in inflicting future harm guaranteed.

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?

Radical change is needed. Put resources, including decisionmaking efforts, into the transition not into the stopgap. We've done enough harm to the future.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is not possible. The most important relevant stakeholders have not been born yet.

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 disagree

Why?

Look where their 'best practice' has got us. Others need to be leading the way.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

this is a stopgap green washing of an immoral sector.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is vacuous management speak. Efforts in this kind of 'consultation' end up unjustly privileging the economic sector.

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

Transition to a circular economy. End extract and exploit relationship. The land is a close relative that must be nurtured and sustained. Move to expand the legal personhood status of all public lands and to make decisions with which future generations will benefit.

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?

End extract and exploit, move to a circular economy.

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

Stiongly disagree

Why?

Our needs NEED to change!

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The profit-making stakeholders have been running the show. It is time to foreground engagement with community and iwi interests

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?

This investment needs to be turned to creating a just, circular, sustainable economy.

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

We are in a planetary emergency. It is well and truly time expect our leaders to acknowledge and behave accordingly.

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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