

Introduction

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Behalf of group or organisation

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Iwi or hapū

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Vision

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

Agree

Why?

Protecting our environment while maintaining cultural awareness is important for all New Zealanders as it is our future

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

Ensure that all activities are environmentally sustainable and culturally considerate

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

Investigating lithium and other rare minerals provides great opportunities for New Zealand but must be mined in an environmentally sustainable way so further research is required to ensure this is possible when the opportunity arises

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?

We must consider the effects of climate change in all our activities however these activities must be undertaken in an environmentally sustainable way rather than being economically driven only

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I'm not sure yet on the "innovative" statement as current mining operations are driven by economics only but time will tell

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I have not see any evidence of regulation so I can't comment on this statement

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

Comments provided in the attached submission

Guiding principles

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

Agree

Why?

If we wish to mitigate further environmental destruction we must demonstrate more than just respect

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

Please see the attached submission for further comment on this principle

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

Agree

Why?

The whole country must support this principle in all activities but not to the detriment of the lower economic members of society

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

Agree

Why?

Demonstration of this principle is evidenced through consultation however further education of iwi and the wider community is needed

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

Agree

Why?

This principle supports the others but needs input and communication with other government agencies to be effective

Principle: Actions taken within the mineral and petroleum sector should align with the strategic direction of other related sectors and Government strategies.

Agree

Why?

As mentioned above, all government agencies must align or no climate change or sustainability actions will be as effective as they could be

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?

Demonstrated by open and effective communication but this could be improved, especially through a commitment to provide further communication to affected parties once permit applications have been approved

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Although I have seen the revenue statement on this we are not aware of all profits made so cannot comment on this statement due to a lack of information

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Not privy to all information required to comment responsibly on this statement

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

One assumes if a contract is agreed upon then it is acted on in good faith but do not have further information to comment responsibly on this statement

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

There is evidence that the Crown makes decisions based on the expectations of the party currently holding government power rather than being evidence based. There has been evidence of future generational thinking policies being overturned once the seat of power changes

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

Disagree

Why?

Have participated in the consultation process have not received feedback as to any outcomes or decisions made so cannot agree to this statement

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Legislative requirement

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Do not have enough knowledge of the industry to comment effectively on this statement however best operational practice is known to support best business practice so would be an expectation of responsible operators

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This principle supports the other principles in so far as offering environmental protection without considering economic opportunities only

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

Agree

Why?

This principle will drive change but should also include engagement with affected parties to be most effective

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

Please see comments in attached submission

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

Please see comments in attached submission

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

Please see comments in attached submission

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

Agree

Why?

Required for the good of the country but should not be to the detriment of our environment

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

Please see comments in attached submission

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Agree

Why?

Engagement provides opportunity for everyone to work together or voice opinions

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

Please see comments in attached submission

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Do not know how compliant current industry is

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

Permit updates to stakeholders and affected parties should include industry compliance

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Although there is opportunity to mine lithium and other rare minerals it should not be done to the detriment of the environment

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

Regular (annual?) communication with iwi and other interested parties on work to date on research improvements

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

Please see comments in attached submission

Other

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the “Minerals and Petroleum Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand: 2019-2029”?

Please see comments in attached submission

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

NTNWRT-Submission-on-MBIE-Minerals-and-Petroleum-Resource-Strategy.pdf -
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