

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 petroleum industry is not sustainable as it is environmentally harmful and therefore not socially responsible. It urgently needs to be replaced by environmentally friendly sources of energy and that is where all investment should be directed, now and in the future. Therefore em

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

Petroleum should be replaced by solar, wind, hydrogen, geothermal and tidal power. Mineral extraction should place environmental safety as the bottom line in both the short and long-term.

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

Money currently invested in petroleum exploration and extraction should be diverted into developing clean energy sources to make NZ world leaders in this field. Similarly, investment in the harvesting and recycling of minerals already in circulation needs to be increased as a way to reduce the impacts of new exploration/exploitation of these resources. Environmental impacts need to be factored in at all levels. Further harvesting exploration

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".

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Objectives (a) and (b) should apply to all clean energy and mineral sources - not framed as the "petroleum" sector.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Productive and innovative if environmentally sound and sustainable.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

"The market" is dictated by profit - but governmental and environmental oversight and regulation is the only way to ensure safe and sustainable development.

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

as above

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is a priority for future development but we are currently suffering the ill effects of ineffective safeguards in the past. These ongoing negative impacts need remediation and a change of focus so we do not continue to make the same mistakes.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly disagree

Why?

The principles of kaitiaki/guardianship of the environment have been either ignored or poorly implemented.

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

Agree

Why?

The shorter the timeframe the better to save the planet! Progress to date has not reflected the urgency of action required.

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

Agree

Why?

Progress needs to be managed for the greater good and people, communities and regions need to be brought on board with that concept...

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This requires a change of focus from growth and consumption as an underlying economic principle. to

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

Agree

Why?

These sectors should not be the tail wagging the dog. The Government is ultimately responsible for "big picture" vision and implementation which safeguards the well-being of NZ in a holistic way..

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?

The way forward is true partnership and representation.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Our natural resources are our taonga/treasures for the benefit of all NZ, not multinational corporations. They need to be managed wisely so returns can be invested in environmentally and socially responsible ways.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Great in principle. Past mistakes aside, I reserve judgement to see where this Government takes us.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

If we keep doing what we've always done, we'll keep getting what we always got - disastrous effects. An immediate moratorium needs to be called.

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?

"Best evidence" is that there are more basic life needs than petroleum or minerals, the exploitation of which contribute to environmental degradation now and threats to future generations. The survival of the planet should not be seen through such a limited and distorted lens. The situation we have today was not foreseeable in the past but our current awareness should inform future policies and we should not New clean resource

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

We are all relevant stakeholders but we are not all well-informed or in a position of power. Short-term profit and vested interests are influential and historically trump the greater good. The power is definitely not with the people.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly disagree

Why?

Evidence to the contrary (e.g. West Coast miners) because profit is the guiding principle in industry not industrial/environmental safety.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Worker and environmental safety should be paramount.

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

Agree

Why?

...if "efficiency" is not detrimental to the workforce.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Fundamental to sustainability.

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

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

Legislation needs to keep pace with growing awareness interconnectedness of all actions.knowledge

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

Look broadly to linking every NZ business, household and institution into an interactive energy network.ro

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

Agree

Why?

"Affordable" environmentally long-term not just in pure economics short-term. termsafordable

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

Investment in solar solutions which would be accessible to all. Further investigation of harnessing tidal power in Cook Strait. Modern technology applied to sailing of coastal freighters in NZ waters and beyond. Further exploration of hydrogen replacing natural gas technology. Recycling minerals already extracted and currently consigned to waste. Exploring transportation systems (e.g. road and rail) where there is an energy feedback loop between the vehicle sand carriageways.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

The wider the worldview we share the better decisions we will make.

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

Maori involvement at all levels of consultation and decision-making.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

An informed and educated public will be a driving force in achieving better outcomes for all.

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

Make it real - not tokenism and box-ticking.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Without compliance we have no environmental or labour safeguards.

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

The cost of monitoring compliance to regulations should be covered by levies on those industries. In the industries we form the industry

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We should always look for new and better ways to meet our resource needs, eliminate waste and harm. etc

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

Ban practices like fracking; on and off-shore drilling; research clean energy sources. Recycle minerals.

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

Nationalising natural resources with ownership by Treaty partners rather than multinational corporations.

Other

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

Time is running out to clean up our act, our policies, our country. There is urgency in taking bold steps now to safeguard our future. Politicians will lose the trust of the people if they are seen to serve corporations not the citizens they are elected to represent.

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