

Introduction

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Vision

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

Disagree

Why?

This vision fails to align with the words of the Minister in her Foreword. It says nothing about taking action against climate change or of transitioning to a circular economy.

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

The vision needs to articulate strategies for conservation and recycling consistent with existential threat posed by climate change and referred to by the minister.

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

NZ does not need to derive value from these resources. We need diminishing access to them as our renewable resources increase and our economic base changes to genuinely sustainable resources.

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?

I agree with (b) but am not sure I understand how (a) can be achieved.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

We need desperately to be innovative. Production needs to be limited to needs. These are non-renewable resources.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

These are extractive industries. They need careful oversight and strict regulation to protect our disappearing biodiversity.

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

A prime objective must be to end fracking. This is a destructive technology with unknown long term effects.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We have only this earth.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

I agree as long as these interests are conservative and respectful of nature and not exploitative.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This date is too late. Each new piece of scientific evidence points to a worsening situation in which many parts of the earth will be uninhabitable by the end of the century. We need to be carbon neutral by 2030.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Climate change is likely to affect some parts of the economy and the poor more severely than others. Civic unrest and insecurity are likely to ensue. We need to resort to a welfare state mentality of care for others and a just allocation of resources.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

There seems to be a mismatch between these aims and earlier aims of a productive petroleum and minerals sector. A true alignment would see the sector's role diminish over time, in a planned way.

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?

The overriding consideration here must be the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill when it becomes law.

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.

Agree

Why?

I'm not sure how "fair" is decided.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Industry should have no role in drawing up regulations and vested interests should be guarded against.

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

Disagree

Why?

The world has changed. This must be recognized. Fracking must stop. Permits may need to be withdrawn.

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.

Agree

Why?

The foreseeable need should be guided by evidence of how a carbon neutral economy and lifestyle will be run.

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?

If "stakeholders" refers to industry, consultation must be wary of the bias of vested interests. In a sense we are all stakeholders because exploitation of the earth is involved and we need to understand the implications.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

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

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This must take account of a revised and diminishing need for minerals and petroleum as we work out how a circular economy operates and how to live in a carbon neutral world. as we and petroleum

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

We need to prioritize minerals such as lithium and cobalt. We need also to protect fertile land for food production from minerals exploration.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

What is affordable may have been extracted in a destructive way overseas. We need to know the origins of the minerals we import - if we need to import them.

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

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?

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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”?

I am surprised and disappointed that, despite the meaningful words of the Minister, nothing in the detail of this document shows any move towards the changes we need to begin now to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, let alone by the more realistic date of 2030.

Nor does it contain any evidence of strategies we need to implement to achieve a circular economy.

These changes are profound and systemic. They need to be led by government.

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