

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?

Including Fossil fuels, coal, oil and gas, cannot in any way be environmentally or socially responsible because the threats to ecosystems are too great. Refer to latest UN and IPCC reports. Including Fossil fuels is in conflict with the governments own zero carbon future.

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

No further extraction of Coal in immediate future. No further exploration for oil or gas. Only use oil for products which have a long useful lifespan. eg pipes, reservoirs and containment tanks. Only mine for minerals that are required for products that are needed.

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

By keeping coal in the ground. If the world stopped using coal then billions of dollars would not be required to mitigate climate change.

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?

The measurement of "value" seems to be in monetary terms not including environmental terms. A sustainable and inclusive economy would include extraction of materials that are required. eg for necessary infrastructure such as building and

roading materials. The most responsible action to support New Zealand's transition to a carbon neutral economy that must be taken is to stop the use of coal immediately.

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

Agree

Why?

Productive implies that materials are being produced. Some materials are not required for a sustainable future or there is already plenty of the mined mineral available. eg gold. Some materials particularly those used in electronic devices should be recovered and reused so that less is required to be mined.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

There must be proper regulation. The industry cannot be self regulated. The government must take an active role in consenting and monitoring to ensure that Environmentally sustainable and Health and Safety Standards are met

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

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This is the only way to a sustainable future

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

Cultures change and adapt. Maori Cultural interests are important but should not override environmental sustainability.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This must be the overriding Principle and should be early than 2050.

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

Agree

Why?

The economic impact on a community or region must not override Environmental and Carbon Neutral Principles.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

A key principle for a Sustainable future.

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?

Must align with Carbon Neutral economy which must override and be built into all Government and Corporate strategies.

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?

The Principles of the Treaty must be adhered to but should not be construed to justify Fossil fuel mining.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

What qualifies as reasonable and proportionate?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Coal mining for energy must be stopped immediately. The milk processing industry is the major user of coal and has been aware of the problems and alternatives for years so this should not be a shock to them. Alternatives to Genesis Huntly coal fired electricity generating capacity must be put in place as soon as is practical. There must be no future exploration for fossil fuels.

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?

There is no future need for Fossil Fuels otherwise the government is in conflict with a Carbon Neutral future. There will be no future generations without a carbon neutral future.

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.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

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

Strongly agree

Why?

To match the Carbon Neutral future. Environmental sustainability

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

Stiongly disagree

Why?

There is a need for minerals where they are required for a sustainable future and where sufficient quantity cannot be recovered and reused. There is no future for fossil fuel energy in a carbon neutral economy.

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

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

Agree

Why?

Proper research science

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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