

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?

To prevent catastrophic climate change, which is likely to severely disrupt our civilisation, we need to stop burning fossil fuels over the next decade. Long term sustainability of our civilisation requires that we end growth, rely on resource extraction as little as possible, and instead obtain as much as possible of the materials we need from the waste our civilisation produces.

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

Ending fossil fuel extraction within the next decade. Reduce other mineral extraction to the minimum possible over the same period.

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

With the current climate and plastic waste crises fossil fuels are best left in the ground unused. Any further use of them is a significant threat to the continued existence of our civilisation. Minerals should also be left in the ground as their value will increase over time as other sources are depleted. The preservation of native ecosystems should always have priority over any resource extraction.

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?

The climate crisis requires ending all fossil fuel extraction over the next decade. Responsible mineral extraction would always put the natural environment first; would be minimal; and would be run by the state providing benefit to all NZ citizens via e.g. the Cullen fund, or other sovereign wealth fund.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We need to leave all fossil fuels in the ground. Other minerals will increase in value if they are left in the ground as other sources are depleted.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Absolutely. We need to end all fossil fuel extraction over the next decade. Mineral extraction needs to be dramatically reduced. The preservation and enhancement of native ecosystems needs to be prioritised over all resource extraction. Worker safety in any remaining mineral extraction activities needs to be given much higher priority.

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

Close down all fossil fuel extraction over the next decade. Minimise all other mineral extraction to protect native ecosystems and to increase the value of the mineral resources as other sources globally become depleted. Nationalise all remaining mineral resource extraction and share the profits equally amongst all NZ citizens.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Natural environments are still being destroyed to enable resource extraction. We need to delay extraction until the value of the resource is enough to enable non-damaging resource extraction methods to be used.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly disagree

Why?

Because the profits of mineral extraction go to private hands rather than to a sovereign wealth fund.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

2050 is far too late as catastrophic climate change will be locked in well before then. All fossil fuel extraction needs to end over the next decade.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Native ecosystems are still destroyed to allow the use of cheap and dirty extraction methods. The profit of the extraction goes to private hands rather than to all NZ citizens.

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

Agree

Why?

Nearly right but the statement is not strong enough. To survive our civilisation needs to behave like a natural ecosystem. There should be no net growth and as close to zero resource extraction as possible: the resources being recovered from our own waste instead.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

It would be nice if all government policies were consistent with the long term maintainability of our technological civilisation. At present they are not. There is far too much concentration on the impossible and very destructive goal of trying to achieve infinite growth on a finite planet. Far too many of the consequences of this are ignored such as the destruction of natural ecosystems and the pollution of the remaining environment, often with little or no direct cost for the polluter.

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 disagree

Why?

All land and rights stolen illegally from Maori should be returned to them, even if they are now in private hands. The current owner may be as much a victim as the original owner but morally it is the original crime that must be put right.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

All profits from mineral extraction should be returned to NZ citizens e.g. via a sovereign wealth fund.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Fossil fuel extraction is still allowed. Profits from resource extraction go to private hands instead of to all NZ citizens. Natural environments are still being destroyed to allow cheap and dirty extraction methods.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Continued extraction of fossil fuels is a clear and present risk to the continued existence of our civilisation. It should be ended immediately. Other resource extraction needs to be reexamined to ensure no environmental damage occurs. There needs to be much better monitoring and enforcement of worker safety.

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?

The insane idea of attempting infinite growth on a finite planet has far too much influence.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The government is far too interested in public relations and not nearly interested enough in maintaining the long term maintainability of our civilisation.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly disagree

Why?

Best practice should be adopted now not at some indefinite future time.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly disagree

Why?

Best practice should be decided and legislated for independently of cost and hence of the practices industry is prepared to implement.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We should seek innovative ways to extract resources from our waste (rather than dumping it in landfills) and seek to minimise extraction from the environment.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Legislation to minimise such things as environmental damage and negative impacts on workers should be based on what is possible regardless of the commercial consequences. If this makes resource extraction unprofitable then stop doing it.

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

That our industrial economy should be steady state rather than growth based and should function like a closed loop with the resources we need extracted from the waste we produce.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly disagree

Why?

The meaning of 'Modernising' is not defined in the above sentence.

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

Bad fossil fuel extraction and recind all existing permits over the next decade. Ban all forms of mineral extraction that cause any environmental harm.

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

Stiongly disagree

Why?

Much higher priority is migrating to a system which can be used in the long term. That is extract minerals from our own waste not from the environment.

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

End growth based economy and stabalise the population at a level which allows natural ecosystems to thrive and which provides a great quality of life for NZ citizens.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We have to consider other species than ourselves. Within our species psychopaths and sociopaths who don't care about other people or the long term consequences of their actions tend to become business and political leaders in our society. We urgently need to change this.

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

The Pike river disaster shows that they do not comply without strong coercion and monitoring.

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

Minimise all extractive industries, maximise worker safety, nationalise the profits from extractive industries.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The state should not do industries research for them. It should simply legislate and enforce the highest possible standards.

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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