

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?

This industry cannot be sustained in the long term so it cannot be managed in a socially or environmentally responsible manner.

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

That it be phased out while focus and jobs are diverted to renewable energy production and waste minimization- including extraction and re-use of existing minerals.

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

As these are finite resources there is no sustainable way to derive value from them. In the case of minerals the only truly sustainable management is to extract and re-use the minerals already in use.

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?

On the basis that this is part of phase out of both industries to a strictly enforced timeframe.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Not sure what productive means in this context. Innovative yes in terms of transitioning to a circular economy.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Without effective regulation this industry will not phase out on its own accord.

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?

Our future prosperity and survival depends on it.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Maori kaitiakitanga, when well applied, will ensure we all live sustainably.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We are in a climate crisis and its up to us to show leadership to our people and the wider world.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Social and environmental justice go hand in hand. One cannot occur without the other.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This is the onky sustainable way forward. There is no waste in nature. We are part of nature and need to change our wasteful habits if our tamariki and mokopuna are to have a future worth living.

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?

Yes of course. To fail to do so would be to ignore the complexity of our interrelated activities. However I support this only on the basis of full government commitment to the move to a circular economy.

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?

A promise is a promise. Besides which we owe Maori reparations given how badly they've been treated to date.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Agree but the term 'fair' is ambiguous. However this point will become moot when these industries are phased out.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

As written these terms are all open to interpretation. We need to avoid fluffy terms like this and define what is meant in measurable terms so everyone knows where they stand.

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

Disagree

Why?

Existing permits should be reviewed in light of the potential impact of these activities on our environment and carbon zero objectives.

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 agree

Why?

Makes sense but needs to be transparent.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

The only way forward. Needs to be managed sensitively giving due regard to the views of ALL stakeholders including the flora and fauna that cannot speak for themselves. I support organisations like Forest and Bird to speak on their behalf.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Good for all involved.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

To the extent that it minimizes harm.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Essential.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Also essential.

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

Ban fracking please.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

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

A strategy for phase out of new mineral extraction.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Both are necessary.

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

Move to an environmentally clean and circular economy.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

This is for the benefit of all New Zealanders. Maori indigenous knowledge (mātauranga) and practices (tikanga) have much to offer in our transition to a sustainable way of life.

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

Have all government departments fully embrace the partnership with Maori in all that they do.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

We all have a stake in our shared future.

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

Create well-facilitated people's fora attended by local and national government representatives in a listening role only.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Industry is there for profit and will continue to put this objective first when not held to account for its social and environmental responsibilities.

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

Social and environmental audits against measurable targets.

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

Agree

Why?

Better resource use but not mining which should be phased out.

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

Focus all future investment on transitioning to an environmentally and socially sustainable economy.

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”?

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. I wish you well and ask that you put the future of Aotearoa ahead of personal and political affiliations. This is a topic bigger than that and worthy of the best in all of us.

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