

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?

If this strategy is future focussed, petroleum is quickly becoming a defunct utility. Renewable energies will replace petroleum very quickly if the right emphasis is placed on those technologies. We can't afford to extract any more fossil fuels nor prop up this industry.

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

New Zealand will not allow the extraction of any more fossil fuels. Acknowledging this fact, an equitable transition will be planned out for those working in the sector.

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

It can't. Not realistically. New Zealand is a signatory to the Paris Climate Accord and needs to implement policy that moves the country toward a fossil fuel free future.

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 words mean nothing. They are simply dismissive of the need to stop doing what we are currently doing. The strategy needs to show how we as a country are moving away from this declining sector. This is supposed to be a strategy, not a promotional tool for the fossil fuel sector. It gives the sector too much wiggle room to 'say' its

being responsible, inclusive, etc. This section needs to be reflective of the view of the people of New Zealand.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

There is nothing new for the sector to produce in its traditional form. If the sector is going to transform to renewable energy, then that should be the stated goal.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Disbandment of the traditional sector in a managed and transformative way, so as to ensure New Zealand moves to renewable energy sources.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

But this needs to happen faster. 2050 is far too late to be ‘doing’ something. We need to be there and then some way before 2050.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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?

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.

Strongly disagree

Why?

This causes moral hazard in that the potential financial return could impact negatively on a decision to displace the traditional fossil fuels market with renewable energy technology.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We can not afford to extract any more fossil fuel and meet our obligations to reducing the impact of climate change.

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.

Disagree

Why?

This question is deceptive. Which need? And who benefits from that need being fulfilled? Could this be addressed through investing in other/new technologies so that this need is met in other ways? This is reductive reasoning as stated.

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.

Disagree

Why?

To the degree that the extraction is explicitly required for the short period transitioning all energy to renewables.

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?

A principle of investment in renewable technologies thereby quickly and effectively reducing use of fossil fuels.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

In a move to negate the need to extract minerals.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Investment in renewable energy technologies in suitable locations to meet our energy needs.

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

Investment in future focussed renewable energy technologies.

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 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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We can't afford to extract any more fossil fuels. Investment should be redirected to renewables. For the small mining sector for rare minerals used in tech, the industry should do its own R&D at its own expense. Tax payers haven't received a return on investment from this sector, so we shouldn't be propping it up.

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"?

New Zealand does not have enough time to beat around the bush and placate the industry. We need to rapidly move away from fossil fuel extraction and invest heavily in renewable energy technologies.

A managed transition, with clear signals to the industry that New Zealand will no longer be a fossil fuel dependant nation, needs to be at the forefront of this strategy.

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