

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?

It needs to be clearer that "value" of a resource includes the value of leaving it in the ground for the benefit of future generations which is likely to be greater than using it now. Also that when the resource is valued the loss/depletion of the resource is included when deciding whether this is sustainable.

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

That the mineral and petroleum resources are used to enable this and future generations to transition to an equitable, sustainable, secure carbon-neutral future that we will all enjoy living in.

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

By using resources only to transition to a sustainable, carbon-neutral 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".

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I agree only if the value of resources to future generations is prioritised.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

So that innovations can be applied to using resources productively.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Otherwise there will be great waste environmental harm

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

The protection of ecosystems and biodiversity.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because our lives and future depend on them.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Because natural justice requires it, and to ensure a fair and harmonious future.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

To ensure the protection of the productive ecosystems which we depend on. Also so we have the moral right to encourage other nations to build the carbon neutral world needed to avoid disastrous feedback loops taking us to a climate state unfavourable to humans.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Natural justice requires this.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It is the only way to ensure 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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The strategic direction of all sectors should be towards a fair, environmentally sustainable future.

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?

Natural justice requires this and future social harmony depends on it.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

So that resources can be used for the benefit of all New Zealanders. If not resources should be left intact to appreciate in value for the benefit of future generations.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Natural justice requires this.

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

Agree

Why?

Natural justice, and to ensure the integrity of transactions

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?

It is necessary to ensure a sustainable future - but the needs of future generations must be given full value, not discounted as is usual commercial practice.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

To ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently for the long term benefit of New Zealanders. Otherwise environmental harm will occur and they will be used wastefully

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Industry should not benefit at our personal expense.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

To get the best result for both us and industry

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Win-win for us and industry.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

For efficiency of operations and for natural justice.

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?

So the strategy ensures that resources are used for the long term benefit of New Zealanders.

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?

To ensure that potentially valuable resources are not used up/depleted/wasted.

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

Take a precautionary approach to the future uses and value of resources.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Natural justice requires this. Better decisions are made when people are included in the decision-making process.

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

Including Maori in planning decisions generally.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Better decisions are made when people are part of the decision-making process, and decisions are better supported.

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

More consensus-decision making processes.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Otherwise great health environmental harm occurs.

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

Conditions imposed that make it easier to enforce compliance - use new technology, citizen reporting etc.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Win-win for everybody.

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

More funding/support.

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”?

Permits which allow fracking should not be renewed because long term harm is very likely.

New offshore drilling should not be allowed because it is too dangerous environmentally, and it would result in massive extra greenhouse gas emissions.

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