

## 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?

Its impossin minerals and petroleum and be environmentally and socially responsible at the same time

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

I would like to see the petroleum industry wound down and dismantled in favour of renewable sources of energy such as wind, solar and hydro. Open-cast mining should be banned and all mining activities made fully responsible for cleaning up the environmental impact by having to lodge sufficient funds in trust.

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

See above. Its not possible to derive sustaianable value from petroleum and minerals. By definition they are finite limited deposits which will run out and which destroy the environment while being extracted and used.

### 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 agree

### Why?

Because this statement is not predicated on mineral or oil extraction. "Sustainable" and "Carbon neutral" can only be achieved through renewable energy solutions.

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

Agree

**Why?**

So long as 'production' is not achieved through exploitation of the environment

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because capitalist industry internalises gains while externalising losses for the taxpayer to pick up. Good example is seen in the Tolaga Bay tsunami of forestry slash.

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

Recognise that oil extraction is fatal for the planet. The objective should be to leave a world that won't suffocate our grandchildren.

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because without this primary respect and care there will be no life.

**Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because Maori traditional knowledge understands our dependence on the natural world.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because carbon emissions are killing the planet.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Even better if the 'impact' is minimised by winding down the minerals and oil businesses.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Circular economy is one the best strategies for planet survival.

**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?**

Not just 'should align' - 'should be secondary to ...'

**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?**

The Crown should ratify the Treaty and start Aotearoa New Zealand on a pathway towards genuine bi-cultural partnership. "Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi " is not aspirational enough as a national goal.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

The income companies make from minerals and petroleum should be reduced by mandatory contributions towards environmental harm rehabilitation. The Crown should be aiming to reduce its ' from minerals and peroleum by winding down these industries.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

I would replace the word 'proportionate' with the phrase 'sufficiently rigorous to control the environmental harm these industries can cause.'

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

Existing permits were issued under delusions that these industries could operate without causing harm to the environment. It is now evident that their product is poisonous. So the rules must change. Existing permits must be renegotiated or voided.

**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 criterion is not 'need for' but 'threats posed by ..'

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

... so long as the Crown tells minerals and oil companies where to get off.

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

**Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Mandatory requirements have to be supported by an adequately trained and resourced compliance-monitoring system. No more self-regulation.

**Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Why just 'strive' ? This is mealy-mouthed. Should read 'Require implementation of ..'

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

The best way to minimise the negative impacts of these operations is to cease them.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

The extraction industries should be made fully accountable for environmental and social impacts of their operations.

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

There should be a strategic goal to completely replace the minerals and oil extraction industries with reuse\recycle programmes and renewable energy sources

**Action areas intro**

**Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act**

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

Because 'modernise' is usually mean relaxing strict controls on mining companies.

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

Strengthen monitoring and compliance activities to keep mining companies under constant surveillance. Strengthen penalties for breach of consent conditions. Require deposit of substantial funds in trust to cover environmental and/or social harm.

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

Stiongly disagree

**Why?**

'Affordable' should be replaced by 'Sustainable.' Energy companies have a track record of externalising social costs to be borne by the taxpayer and the environment

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

Engage in a programme of reduced consumption so that we can live within the planet's means.

**Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We should ratify the Treaty and enter into a genuine bilateral partnership

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

**Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement**

Agree

**Why?**

Caution about the definition of 'stakeholder' Mining companies already have too much influence over policy decisions. The community definitely needs more engagement so long as it is genuine and not just the box-ticking variety.

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

**Action Area: Improving industry compliance**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Because industry has been getting away with non-compliance through failures to monitor and inspect.

**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?**

We dont need 'better' mining - we need \*less\* of it.

**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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