

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?

The whole strategy must focus on the need to combat climate change and move quickly away from the use of fossil fuels.

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

The use of minerals must be sustainable and add value for Kiwis through employment and the protection of our unique environments which underpin our growing tourism industry. Also the use of a variety of natural environments for recreational and more intrinsic uses must be the priority.

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

Mineral resources as far as possible should be used for value added production of products within New Zealand. Petroleum must for the most part left in the ground in the future as its use is destroying and will increase the destruction of our natural places through the results of global warming and climate change.

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?

However we should be protecting our natural landscapes and addressing the climate emergency as the highest priority.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

Disagree

Why?

Instead of "effectively regulating the industry we need to put protection of our natural environments and protection our atmosphere against climate change as the first and top priorities. and

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

as above

Guiding principles

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

Disagree

Why?

They need to be protected not just 'respected'.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Disagree

Why?

Again understanding such 'interests' is far too weak a statement. These interests need to be both listened to and enacted in any principles surrounding resource use.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

What are the actual steps which will get us to that goal.. They must be spelled out in any workable policy. Otherwise it is just fluff.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Rather than these impacts being managed they should be in the first instance avoided then addressed to block or remove them. to remove or

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

Agree

Why?

Where are the steps to get there? This appears to be lip service only.

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

Agree

Why?

Why not identify dangerous and environmentally damaging actions such as fracking and suggest how such practises by the industry should be avoided.

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.

Agree

Why?

Why do we continue to use the term "principles" of the Treaty when we actually have Treaty.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

But not if the return or hope for a return undermines decision-making on whether or not to extract resources.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Very vague as to what this actually means.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

There is a climate emergency. Get real. Our childrens' and grandchildrens' lives are at stake and this 'principle' suggests that we just cary pon!?

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?

Put the damage being done first.

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

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?

Does this suggest that industry should be self regulated. Far too weak.

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Does this suggest that industry should be self regulated. Far too weak.

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

Why?

Does this suggest that industry should be self regulated. Far too weak.

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?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

With a mind to meet our international obligations around climate change.

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”?

The Strategy proposes “balancing impacts across all 4 capitals”. This is not OK! Climate and environmental protection must take precedence over revenue to the Crown.

The strategy should separate minerals and petroleum sectors in order to better address the issues caused by both of them.

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