

Introduction

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Individual

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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?

It is no longer responsible behaviour to continue to mine oil, gas and coal. The commencement of irreversible runaway catastrophic Climate Change means that we can not continue to depend on fossil fuel consumption for our transport and productive industries, but must find another way

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

My vision is that these should cease to exist as soon as possible, and that solar, wind, and hydroelectric power generation should provide our energy needs. To look on the bright side, we probably will not need to heat our homes for much longer.

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

It cannot, if "minerals" is taken to refer to coal and gas.

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?

I agree with both objectives but fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) cannot be our energy sources

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because the transition away from fossil fuel reliance will require innovation and/or productivity dependent on energy sources which are currently not prioritised, such as pumped hydro.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The radical change which is now necessary must be both dependent on government regulation, for example, petrol rationing, and on private enterprise, which must find ways to make a carbon neutral (or better, carbon negative) economy work.

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

A future in which our children and their descendants enjoy comparable standards of living to those our own generation enjoyed

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because I want to avoid a situation where thousands of refugees are making desperate attempts to illegally enter New Zealand

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Because the entire nation is going to have to stick together and learn to survive together possibly on very limited resources compared to the past. Maori survived successfully in NZ/Aotearoa for hundreds of years.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I believe a carbon neutral economy would ideally be achieved well before 2050 and preferably a carbon negative economy will be in place 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?

Strongly agree, but this does NOT include promoting tourism or depending on dairy, both of which have negative impacts on the climate.

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?

Out of honesty

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

See above

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Especially, proportionate to climate being maintained in a benevolent and sustainable form compatible with continued productivity required to sustain human and animal populations

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

Disagree

Why?

To agree with this would imply that the coal mine Rotowaro would be succeeded by a neighbouring coal mine, that coal would continue to be imported from Indonesia, and that the Huntly power station would continue to burn coal to generate electricity, an activity which is in my view not far from suicidal folly. We MUST learn to think differently.

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?

Fine, so long as "best evidence" includes a realistic understanding of the threat Climate Change presents to our futures both individual and collective.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Absolutely necessary to maintain reliable communications in a time of change and adjustment

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Because it pays off in multiple ways.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

As above

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

Strongly agree

Why?

While extraction continues, its impacts should be mitigated as well as possible. However, we should work towards not just "no new coal mines" but towards "no coal mining" full stop.

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?

We are now so situated that every decision to be made must be made with the necessities imposed upon us by incipient disastrous unstoppable Climate Change in the forefront

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

Necessitated by the Climate crisis.

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

Necessary minerals which can be mined without disastrous impacts may be mined, but if these are not necessary to human survival, but are decorative, then such minerals may be safely left in the ground until happier times have come to pass.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

New Zealand may in future lack overseas markets and overseas aid. We are on a knife edge.

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

These should be planned in the light of probable need to introduce petrol rationing and a "white market" in petrol;. Plus introduction of electrified bus and train systems.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Simple justice, compensation for wrongs done in the past, plus joint efforts and co-operation is surviving the future.

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

See all of the above

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

Action impossible without this groundwork

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

Good communications are crucial, but to work, must always be honest.

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 agree

Why?

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”?

Climate change will require adjustment and good tempers from us all. Kia kaha, kia toa!

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