

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?

I like the ethos of extracting minerals in a socially responsible way and bringing value to NZ, but can't see how petroleum production and use can ever be environmentally responsible, as a polluting fuel adding Co2 to the atmosphere. I'm also unsure by the phrase world leaders... is this in terms of ethics, material quality, or quantity.

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

A sector that seeks to minimize its impact, reuse and reclaim materials where possible through legally binding targets, and to phase out the petroleum sector through a just transition for those working in the industry, through retraining and reapplication of those talents for a fossil fuel free (or greatly reduced) economy.

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

Value added manufacturing and processing onshore, rather than as a raw goods exporter.

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".

Disagree

Why?

How will further extraction of petroleum products move us toward a carbon neutral economy? And we need to be a carbon negative economy, to sequester the dangerous levels of GHG already present in our atmosphere.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Legally binding governmental limits and controls to environmentally and socially unsafe or expansionist industry tactics. No more voluntary industry self regulation, make it mandatory and legally binding..

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

To maximize reclaimed materials, minimize the need for expansion of new mines, and to use materials for products that serve an economy that needs to have a planned and intentional period of degrowth and contraction to come back within ecological limits.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This is the foundation of life, for all humans and species. It is the fundamental bottom line

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Honoring Te Tiriti essential, multiple voices consulted and honoured.

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

Disagree

Why?

2050 is waaay to late. Have you read the IPCC reports? If we took the science seriously, we would be pulling our finger out and doing the "impossible", and making smart decisions and sacrifices to get there sooner. Then we could legitimately claim to be world leaders in the emerging green industries.

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

This is all well and good, but a true circular economy of non renewable resources is impossible, as there is always some loss and unrecoverable material, and huge energy inputs needed to recycle. You forgot to include Refuse and Reduce, as the first 2 recycling principles. Sustainability is impossible in a growth economy, so we should seek to minimise growth, and the need for recycling in the first place.

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?

We are all on the same waka, aren't we?

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?

Of course.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Public good before private profit. Tax those cowboys. But the crown shouldn't seek to maximize return through expanding the industry, and should invest all proceeds into carbon neutral and negative industries, like seaweed cultivation, algal and fungal science, soil restoration and ecologically regenerative design and farming.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

I like the sound of this, but how do you measure any of those outcomes, they sound like slippery buzzwords to me.

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

Disagree

Why?

Permits that were granted in the past need to be assessed, as we now have sufficient science to realise we are in a climate emergency, and the foundations of a viable planet are at stake. Treading on the toes of industry has to be done. If there was a global war effort, massive changes to the status quo would be made to ensure survival, the ecological collapse (and social) is no different. Reassess, reorient, and close down permits that don't align with a livable planet under 1.5 degrees warming..

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

This all depends on the in built assumptions about what is needed. What is needed in an industrially extraction growth oriented economy is entirely different from a relocalising, ecologically bounded movement for example.

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.

Agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

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

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Neither agree nor disagree

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 does this mean?

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Agree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

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

Why?

Don't subsidise those big boys, they have deep pockets, subsidise alternatives to the fossil fuel and mineral intensive economy.

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”?

This is a pivotal moment in history. The science is unequivocal. Urgent and meaningful transformations of our way of operating are needed to maintain the conditions for life on this planet. Runaway climate change is unacceptable, and would be a moral and practical crime of the highest order. We must all haul together to accelerate our transition to a carbon negative economy and way of life, if we want future generations to have any thing like the standard of safety and wellbeing that we enjoy today.

Minimise non renewable extraction and use. Use what resources we do have and are currently producing to transition to a locally resilient, adaptive, ecologically sound society.

We cant wait till 2050, follow the science, seize the invitation to be brave, and demand radical adaption and reorientation of these industries to serve the building of a truly sustainable culture that nourishes and resotres tge earth rather than raping and pillaging for private gain.

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