

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?

A petroleum sector cannot exist full-stop.

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

A minerals sector delivering necessary resources for the transition from a petroleum-based economy - minerals are extracted only where recycling technology is yet to meet demand.

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

By completely stopping petroleum and related extraction (i.e gas either offshore or via fracking) while only taking necessary minerals from resources until such time as all mineral use enters a cyclical economy which recycles 100% of those minerals. Value in future existence far outweighs economic value.

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 disagree

Why?

The two 'support' options are not mutual objectives. Carbon neutral is a joke and should be carbon zero. The 'economy' as productive, sustainable and inclusive does not fit the zeitgeist of a nation embedded in a warming world which faces societal collapse in great part because of mismanagement of this sector, which contributes greatly to that very warming. Ironic...

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This sector cannot be productive but there is certainly space for innovation in the recycling mineral and the alternative to petroleum fields..

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

Strongly agree

Why?

All legislation related to Zero Carbon must apply and the Ministry of Climate Change takes full precedence- further requiring strong enforcement clauses in any legislation coming from the Climate Change office.

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

Immediate cessation of fracking operations. Differential treatment of mineral extraction so there is weighting according to the potential impacts involved i.e mining rock for roads is different from mining gold in terms of ecological footprint/potential pollution etc..

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

I strongly agree but would add 'and protected' to cement environmental/ecological primacy.

Principle: Maori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

Papatuanuku's features mean so much to tangata whenua and to respect and protect these features is to respect and protect a fundamental te tiriti principal - a mountain, a hill, a river, a lake, a flood plain, an estuary, a stretch of beach etc.... these are all ancestors to tangata whenua and must be treated accordingly.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The terminology requires strengthening to carbon zero by 2030.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Please read 'No More Throw Away People' by Edgar Cahn

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

Strongly agree

Why?

In a warming world where 'localisation' is so important, the development of our own technologies and simple methods to adhere to the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) is imperative.

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

Agree

Why?

He Eke Noa!

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?

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

Why?

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

Why?

To whom?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The world is undergoing phenomenal changes and conditions are no longer the same as at issue of permits.

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.

Why?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Relevant stakeholders always includes future generations and these are not of consultative age or even being. Consideration seven (7) generations hence is required and weighted above 'relevant stakeholders' considered today - expert independent input (including that of the Climate Commission) is required.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Why?

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

Why?

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

Why?

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

Kaitiakitanga and the principles of stop or flow resources. Finite resources require consideration especially in light of 7 generations hence.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

Adhering to a principle which enshrines Crown ownership to that which exists under private property is anathema to human right. As is water-way pollution by tailings.

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

All chemical disclosure e.g in gold extraction. Total cessation of fracking.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Affordability is a moving target especially in light of a population that will swell due to climate refugees. People power and human rights to an area which you deem 'affordable' presents a mismatch of values.

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

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Learning from the likes of Ihumatao is essential for mineral extraction.

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

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?

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”?

I would like to see this strategy focus on a phase-out of fossil fuel extraction in the short term (by 2030). In the longer term, there ought to be a minimisation of mineral extraction, only to meet the needs to assist in the fossil fuel extraction end. Where a short-fall in clean-tech mineral recycling exists, Crown is urged to work with industry and other stakeholders to R&D recycling systems in the innovative way that Kiwis are renowned. This strategy needs to be consistent with Government aims according to COP21 (the Paris Accord).

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