

## Introduction

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Department of Conservation - Conservation Board

## Vision

### Do you agree or disagree with the overall vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

Neither agree nor disagree

### Why?

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

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

### 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”.

Neither agree nor disagree

### Why?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

### Why?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

### Why?

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

### Guiding principles

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

The pounamu within Fiordland National Park is owned by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Ngai Tahu have a right to Pounamu under the Ngai Tahu Settlement Act. The current Fiordland National Park Management Plan allows for access and removal of the pounamu from the national park and the conservation board supports this practice. The continuation of this practice should be allowed for within the strategy or explicitly excluded.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

**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?**

See response above regarding removal of pounamu from the Fiordland National Park.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

**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?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

The Southland Conservation Board wants strict conditions on the mining and petroleum industry to remove all assets after operations have completed and to restore the land to the natural state. The requirement on the smelter at Tiwai that the whole site be dismantled and reinstated at the completion of operations there is a useful precedent.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

**Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

**Action Area: Improving industry compliance**

Neither agree nor disagree

**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?**

**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 Southland Conservation Board support 'No new mines within conservation land'.

Gravel extraction is also currently allowed within the Fiordland National Park under the management plan as it is necessary for the maintenance of State Highway 94 and other roads and tracks. Using the material from within Fiordland National Park reduces the risk of importing the seeds of pest plants from other sources. Also using local material reduces the carbon footprint of transporting gravel from another area. The Southland Conservation Board support this extraction from within the national park, especially considering that new gravel extraction areas may be necessary going forward.

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