

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?

There is no distinction between minerals and fossil fuels in this definition. Continuing use of fossil fuels is driving climate change and must be halted, and the mining of some minerals is more environmentally damaging than others. Gold should be left where it is, aggregates can be mined at little damage to the environment.

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

The petroleum sector should cease to exist. Continued burning of fossil fuels will lead to another mass extinction like the Permian "Great Dying". I'd like my grandchildren to survive and have long and happy lives. Leave the coal in ground, stop mining it at once. Mine only minerals that do little or no environmental damage.

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

New Zealand cannot sustainably mine fossil fuels. Mining fossil fuels is not consistent with the Government's policy on climate change which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050 under the Paris Accord. Averting catastrophic climate change is more important than anything else including "deriving value from petroleum resources". That will result in ecocide.

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?

Fossil fuels are putting us on the path to extinction. They have to go. There is no sustainable option.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Producing fossil fuels is suicide. They have to go. You cannot innovate away climate change.

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?

The objective for the petroleum sector need's to be consistent with the Government's policy on climate change which is to achieve zero carbon by 2050.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

I want to see the word "respected" removed from this sentence and replaced with "protected". On past evidence "respect" won't protect fragile environments when there are profits to be made by damaging the environment.

Principle: Maori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

In general Maori have a more long term view of the use of resources and will take steps to protect the environment that sustains us all. Maori rights are protected under the Treaty of Waitangi and are a Taonga for all of us.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

If we do not become carbon neutral we will all become extinct along with most other life on this planet. The science is clear and unequivocal.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

I believe this principle is an excuse to try to allow fossil fuel mining to continue under the guise of protecting vulnerable communities. We are all vulnerable communities when it comes to climate change and there must be a halt to all extraction of fossil fuels.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

While this sounds good in principle, in actuality it will do nothing to stop plastic pollution and the burning of fossil fuels.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The burning of fossil fuels has to stop regardless of what any sector finds convenient. Governments and other sectors need to adapt to the phasing out totally of fossil fuels, not the other way around.

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?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The crown will need to do without a return on fossil fuels because the alternative is ecocide. Mining minerals should be allowed only when the damage to the environment is minimal and does not result in risks to vulnerable ecosystems and biodiversity.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We are in such a dangerous place now that words such as "reasonable and proportionate" need to be gone. They will be construed to mean "business as usual" which will result in catastrophe for all of us.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

No. Fossil fuels have to go. There is no alternative to stopping the use of fossil fuels if we want to limit climate change to survivable levels,s

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?

There is no need for future generations to burn fossil fuels. If we continue to burn fossil fuels, there won't be any future generations. We will have committed ecocide.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

No, the crown does not consult with the fossil fuel industry, it closes it down. Extractive industries are predictably self-interested and should not have the right to destroy us and our environments to make profit at our expense.

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?

I agree with the proviso that this means all industries but that the fossil fuel industry needs to be shut down.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is just a way for environmentally damaging industries to try to keep operating regardless of the damage they do. Minimising is not good enough. Environmentally damaging industries that put us all at risk have to go. We need to concentrate on only those extraction industries that cause minimal environmental damage or that produce metals essential for transition to a zero carbon economy such as lithium and cobalt.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

You cannot redress the climate once the tipping points are reached. We are perilously close now. Redress is not an option we have to stop extracting fossil fuels now.

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

Everything in this strategy must fit within the framework of the Climate Emergency. If it doesn't, it's got to go.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Why?

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

Banning all future fossil fuel extraction

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

Disagree

Why?

There is no definition of "affordable". Fossil fuels which are effectively subsidised might be cheaper than alternative forms of energy but it is certainly not "affordable" in terms of the Climate Emergency.

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

The government needs to be encouraging and subsidising alternative forms of energy such as solar and wind. Every house that wants it should be able to be fitted or retro-fitted with solar panels subsidised with interest-free loans for instance.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Maori have been cheated by colonisation and it is only right to redress those wrongs

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

Granting Iwi and Hapu rights to water

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

If by 'stakeholder' you mean the fossil fuel industry, I don't think engagement is necessary. They need to be told to get lost.

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

Principle 10 puts the rights of miners ahead of the transition to carbon zero. Get rid of Principle 10 for fossil fuels.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

I don't want to see any further investment in mining. It is a destructive industry that should be phased out where possible.

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

Invest in green energy. Cut investment in extraction industries where possible.

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 should set a timeframe to phase out fossil fuels, starting with no new coal mines or oil and gas wells, and protecting essential uses of these fuels (eg steel making) for as long as possible, while closing down uses for which there are good substitutes, like electricity generation, promptly.

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