

Introduction

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Vision

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

Agree

Why?

Depends how you define "value". It must have a long term focus on low impact and resilience. It must factor in the need for carbon emissions to be quickly reduced to net zero.

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

Phase out oil and gas. No new coal mines. Only approve mining when there is a clear need rather than just because the resource is there to reduce environmental harm

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

The word sustainably is inappropriate. We live in an age of environmental instability so the best we can hope for is to slow the process of change and build resilience.

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".

Agree

Why?

Don't think the use of the word sustainable is up to date with the global context we live in. Resilient is more realistic.

Objective for a sector that: "Is productive and innovative".

Agree

Why?

Standard business practice.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Independent oversight is important.

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.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

Also include "future generations" - must have a long term view.

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.

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?

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Do not know the facts but think that it should be fair and take into account long term environmental impacts. It should also require reinstatement of the environment after extraction funds held independently of the miners and government to ensure compliance.

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

Agree

Why?

Proportionate needs explanation. If it is meant in terms of impact some mining needs low regulation such as quarry of road metal while some needs high regulation due to environmental impact eg petroleum and gold.

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

Disagree

Why?

No further exploration. We have more than enough fossil fuel reserves identified globally already to cause significant climate disruption. We need to leave lots of fossil fuels in the ground.

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?

Evidence must be up to date.

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

Agree

Why?

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly 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.

Strongly 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

Strongly agree

Why?

Out of date and not useful in dealing with climate disruption.

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

Resilience.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Depends what you mean by energy needs. We need to get off fossil fuels rapidly.

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

Focus on alternative energy sources which may mean battery materials etc and differentiate between low impact mining such as quarrying and high impact gold.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly 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

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”?

This strategy must align with other plans such as being carbon neutral as soon as is possible. Nothing should be included in a strategy that makes this harder to achieve. No new coal mines, no further fossil fuel exploration and we need to provide incentives for a shift to electricity based transport, commercial and domestic sector.

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