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Yes

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No

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# A Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040

MBIE is developing a *Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040* to enable us to take a long-term, strategic approach to how we develop our mineral resources. This does not include petroleum which already has an advanced regulatory regime.

Minerals play an essential role in New Zealand’s economic growth through high-paying jobs, Crown royalties, direct positive impact in the regions where mining takes place, and through export revenues. Minerals are also critical inputs into products that are necessary for other sectors to thrive, including the use of aggregates in construction and infrastructure.

Minerals will continue to play a major role in New Zealand’s export-led economic growth and contribute to our economic functions, but the minerals sector faces some risks and challenges. These include lack of complete understanding about our minerals ecosystem, supply risks, social license, and a regulatory system that needs to be improved to enable investments.

These challenges require a long-term strategic approach to ensure that resource development for our economic prosperity happens in a responsible manner. Developing a minerals strategy is a fundamental first step in ensuring that we have a strategic framework for resource production.

The Minerals Strategy Discussion Document seeks feedback on the context and design of the strategy. It discusses key strategic issues, challenges and opportunities facing the minerals sector in New Zealand, and how we could address them.

The strategy is built on three key pillars, **Enhancing prosperity for New Zealanders, Demonstrating the sector’s value**, and **Delivering minerals for a clean energy transition**, and identifies specific actions the Government could take to position the minerals sector to deliver value in an environmentally responsible manner.

Please see the Minerals Strategy Discussion Document for more information.

## Questions for the consultation

- 1. Are the strategic pillars of the Draft Strategy (**Enhancing prosperity for New Zealanders, Demonstrating the sector’s value, and Delivering minerals for a clean energy transition**) suitable or is there more we need to consider?

Yes, they are suitable       No, they are not suitable       Not sure/no preference

Is there anything you would like to tell us about the reason(s) for your choice? Or is there more we need to consider?

They do not take into account the prosperity and needs of New Zealand society as a whole. There is no leading vision beyond sector growth.

2. Are the key actions the right ones to deliver on our strategic pillars, and are they ambitious enough?

- Yes, the actions are the right ones and are ambitious enough
- No, the actions are not the right ones and not ambitious enough
- Not sure/no preference

If **No**, what else might we need to consider?

The actions are not leading towards a clean energy prosperous future. We need to get off coal in the next 10 years, this is urgent. There is a huge opportunity to do this in a way that grows a clean energy sector with skills and leadership, that can then be exported to the world.

3. Are there opportunities for our minerals sector we haven't considered?

- Yes, there are
- No, there are none
- Not sure/no preference

If **Yes**, what are the opportunities for our minerals sectors we should consider?

This is an opportunity to review the real place of the sector in modern New Zealand, across sectors, towards a clean energy future.

4. Are there challenges for our minerals sector we haven't considered?

- Yes, there are other challenges not considered
- No, all challenges have been considered
- Not sure/no preference

Is there anything you would like to tell us about the reason(s) for your choice?

CLIMATE CRISIS – we are in a climate and biodiversity crisis and this is missing from a strategy – this makes it incoherent to anyone outside of the minerals industry.

5. Are there any other things we have missed that we should include, or things we should not include?

These things could be economic/financial, environmental, health and safety related, or other areas.

Where is the place of this strategy in a larger energy strategy? It doesn't make sense without a strong vision for a clean energy future taking into account all the challenges and opportunities of this country so isolated in the south Pacific.

This present strategy document seems like a trojan horse to mine more coal and gold, which are not transition minerals. Where is the plan to get off coal by 2035?

How does this help Aotearoa lead the world in clean energy, which is the real demand. We can't compete on coal or gold, and we still wouldn't be self-sufficient even if we do more of it.

**This is not a world-leading strategy and works against our national interests. If this is really working for the benefit future generations then I would like to see input from groups and experts who are not mineral industry spokespeople. It seems this is to promote private interests and against community interests.**

# Thank you

Thanks for your feedback, we really appreciate your insight. It helps us establish a long-term strategic approach to ensure that resource development for our economic prosperity happens in a responsible manner.

To help us continue to develop a Minerals Strategy for New Zealand to 2040, we would appreciate any additional suggestions or comments you may have.

Please leave your feedback here:

Throw out this strategy and start again.