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1. Congratulations on trying to get the minerals sector executing better
 2. I'm nervous that whenever the government has a strategy for anything - it often slows things down and very rarely speeds things up. Some key parts of this strategy are already moving; that bodes well. Please try and ensure that this strategy:
 - i) Doesn't cause some sectors or initiatives to have to wait for the strategy to be finalised
 - ii) Works to make minerals initiatives possible, easier and faster
- Inevitably, some strategies do have negative side effects; making some things wait, some harder, some slower. Know about these negatively impacted initiatives, acknowledge the effect and, if possible, do something about it.
3. The strategy talks about Crown minerals and I presume that there is an implication that there are non-Crown minerals. You also mention critical minerals and, by implication, non-critical minerals. I don't feel good about any preference or prioritisation for the different types of minerals - however they are categorised. The strategy should really be 'just make it easier to do minerals'. You need to strongly consider making the strategy not favour any particular types of minerals.
 4. Iwi and hapu must not have any special priority or any special governance arrangements. These groups are in effect family-based community groups that should be consulted fairly but not given special priority. They have a lot to offer in consultation and their treaty settlements must be respected. In some initiatives they will be bringing their own mineral property rights.
 5. The minerals strategy doesn't construct any form of subsidy regime or barrier of entry for the importation of minerals.

Regards
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