



BRIEFING

Draft Resource Strategy for Public Consultation

Date:	9 August 2019	Priority:	High
Security classification:	In Confidence	Tracking number:	0371 19-20

Action sought		
	Action sought	Deadline
Hon Dr Megan Woods Minister of Energy and Resources	<p>Note departments/agencies have been consulted and their feedback has been considered. No significant issues were raised.</p> <p>Note the attached draft Cabinet paper seeking approval to release the draft Strategy for public consultation is planned at DEV on 21 August 2019.</p> <p>Agree to provide us feedback on both the design and content of the Strategy and draft Cabinet paper at your earliest convenience.</p>	12 August 2019

Contact for telephone discussion (if required)			
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The following departments/agencies have been consulted
The Treasury, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Conservation, Land and Information New Zealand, the Ministry for the Environment, the Environmental Protection Authority, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Te Arawhiti, the Ministry for Housing and Urban Development, the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry for Transport, and the Provincial Development Unit.

Minister's office to complete:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seen | <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |

Comments



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Purpose

- To seek your final feedback on both the design and content of the latest version of the draft Minerals and Petroleum Resource Strategy for Aotearoa: 2019-2029 (the Strategy) post departmental/agency consultation (attached at Annex One).
- And to seek your feedback on the draft Cabinet paper (attached at Annex Two) on the release of the draft Strategy for public consultation in final week of August 2019.

Key Points

- We have reflected your feedback on the previous version of the Strategy and you have agreed to forward a copy of the Strategy to the Minister of Regional Economic Development, Minister of Conservation, Minister for the Environment, Minister of Maori Crown Relations, and Minister of Economic Development (briefing 0310 19-20 refers).
- We have since consulted with a number of agencies/departments, both economic and environmental, on the Strategy and none have raised any significant issues. All agency feedback has now been considered and the following key changes were made as a result:

Key change to the Strategy	Agency feedback
Principle 7: Included an explicit statement to Principle 7 of the Strategy that the Crown will honour its duty to meet settlement commitments	Te Arawhiti
Principle 9: Included the word "transparent" to Principle 9 to the way in which the Crown regulates.	Ministry for the Environment
Why we need a Strategy: Emphasised the need to start investigating "alternative methods of steel production that have less environmental impact" than coking coal and "alternative replacement material" for aggregates.	Ministry for the Environment

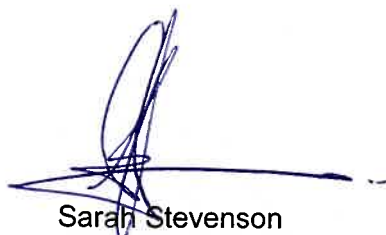
- In addition, we have made the following key changes to the Strategy:
 - Design:** We have had the Strategy professional designed by MBIE's internal design team.
 - Regulatory Framework:** Inserted a diagram of "The Regulatory Framework for Crown-owned Minerals".
 - How does the Strategy fit in with Government priorities?** In the diagram which shows how the strategy fits in with Government priorities, under the heading "Just transition to a low emissions economy" we included "Improvements to the Emission Trading Scheme" and the "Taranaki 2050 roadmap". We also included a paragraph on the "Renewable energy strategy work programme" noting:

- *“The renewable energy strategy work programme sets out a vision for an affordable, secure, and sustainable energy system that provides for New Zealanders’ wellbeing in a low emissions world. This work programme has a range of initiatives that aim to provide opportunities to grow New Zealand’s economy by driving innovation in clean energy and providing opportunities to grow New Zealand’s exports. The work programme is focused on three main outcomes – an inclusive and consumer-focused energy system, a system that encourages increased investment in low emissions technology and an innovative and modern energy system that creates new opportunities for business and consumers.”*
 - **Improving our systems to make minerals data more accessible:** Relating to Action Area 2 of the Strategy we provided a description of what we meant about improving our systems to make minerals data more accessible. Specifically we included:
 - *“Over many decades the Crown has collected a large amount of geoscience data in the form of digital information, physical core samples and thousands of reports and associated data. This information is highly valuable because it builds a picture of where mineral deposits may be found, but also gives information useful for studying other earth science based subjects, such as earthquakes and climate change studies.*
 - *MBIE is working with Australian Federal Government agencies and leveraging rapidly developing technology to develop a prototype to manage and provide geoscience data in an easier and more useful way. The prototype will inform the development of a new system that will make Crown geoscience data accessible, relatable, searchable and available as quickly as possible.”*
6. Three key changes still to be made to the Strategy:
- **Overview of the Strategy:** We are getting the overview of the Strategy (consisting of the Vision, Objectives, Action Areas, and Principles) translated into Te Reo Māori so the overview has both an English and Māori version.
 - **Ministerial Foreword:** Similarly, we are getting the ministerial foreword translated into Te Reo Māori so there is both an English and Māori version of it in the Strategy.
 - **Minerals enable our way of life:** We are looking to include a description of pounamu and obsidian (cultural minerals) to reflect its importance to Māori.
7. In addition to any feedback you have which we will incorporate, there are still some minor edits and design tweaks we intend to make to the Strategy.
8. We also seek your feedback on the attached draft Cabinet paper which seeks agreement to release the Strategy for public consultation in the last week of August 2019 (for four weeks).

Recommended action

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment recommends that you:

- a **Note** departments/agencies have been consulted and their feedback has been considered. No significant issues were raised. *Noted*
- b **Note** the Strategy has been professionally designed and changes to the Strategy have been made. *Noted*
- c **Note** the “Ministerial Forward” and “Overview of the Strategy” section of the Strategy will be translated into Te Reo Māori so that both an English and Māori version is included. *Noted*
- d **Note** attached draft Cabinet paper (Annex Two) seeking approval to release the draft Strategy for public consultation is planned for the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV) on 21 August 2019. *Noted*
- e **Note** that the public consultation period is intended to commence from 27 August 2019 and conclude on 20 September 2019. *Noted*
- f **Agree** to provide us feedback on both the design and content of the Strategy (Annex One) as soon as you are able to (ideally before 5:00pm Monday 12 August so that changes can be made before it is lodged on Wednesday 14 August). *Agree / Disagree*
- g **Agree** to provide us with any feedback on the draft Cabinet Paper by 5:00pm Tuesday 13 August. *Agree / Disagree*



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Background to the Strategy

1. The Mineral and Petroleum Resource Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand: 2019-2029 (the Strategy) will set the Government's long term vision for the minerals and petroleum sector. It is a ten year strategy (2019-2029) that will build a sector supporting the transition to a low carbon and a more productive, sustainable, and inclusive economy. The Strategy will underpin the Tranche Two review of the Crown Minerals Act 1991 (CMA), and will guide future Government policy affecting the mining sector.
2. In January 2019, we provided you with the first draft overview of the Strategy (briefing 2145 18-19 refers). On 28 February 2019, you agreed to a collaborative co-design approach to the development of the Strategy (briefing 2147 18-19 refers). Accordingly, since February 2019 we have been engaging with Treaty partners and select interested stakeholders on the Strategy.

Early engagement on the draft Strategy has concluded

3. On 13 June 2019 we informed you of our intention to circulate a draft version of the Strategy to Treaty partners and select environmental groups, academics, industry groups, regional and local councils, and research institutes for their comment (briefing 3858 18-19 refers). We received submissions from 17 respondents, including Te Atiawa (Blenheim), Ngāti Tama, Ngāruahine, Ngāti Ruanui and Ngāti Kuia.

Feedback considered and other sections of the Strategy developed

4. We have since considered the feedback from our early engagement and developed background information sections about minerals and petroleum, and provided completed and current actions under the six action areas.

You provided us with some feedback on Monday 29 July 2019

5. We provided you a draft version of the Strategy for your feedback (briefing 0225 19-20 refers). At a meeting with officials on Monday 29 July you noted some changes you would like reflected in the Strategy. In particular you wanted changes to the principles section, some more contextual information added on climate change and the difference in future direction for minerals and petroleum.

Your feedback was reflected and both agency and ministerial consultation commenced

6. We reflected your feedback in a revised version to you and you agreed to commence both agency and ministerial consultation (briefing 0310 19-20 refers).

Questions for public consultation

7. When we release the Strategy for public consultation, we intend to seek feedback on the following areas:
 - a. Vision;
 - b. Objectives;
 - c. Principles;
 - d. Action Areas; and
 - e. Suggestions for 'Future actions' that the Government could take to advance the six action areas.

Next steps and timeline for the development of the Strategy

8. A timeline of the process is noted below. The most important times are highlighted in orange.

Action	Timing
Final feedback on the Strategy from your office provided to MBIE	12 August 2019 (5 pm)
Feedback on the draft Cabinet Paper from your office provided to MBIE	13 August 2019 (5 pm)
Lodge Cabinet Paper	14 August 2019
DEV Cabinet Committee	21 August 2019
Cabinet approval	26 August 2019
Commencement of public consultation (open for four weeks)	27 August 2019
Public release of the final Strategy (same time as the public release of the CMA discussion document)	6 November 2019

9. We will work closely with your Office prior to the public release of the draft Strategy and will provide all the necessary information and material to support you.

Annexes

Annex One: Designed version of the draft Minerals and Petroleum Resource Strategy for Aotearoa: 2019-2029

Annex Two: Draft Cabinet paper

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