

## Introduction

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Individual

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General public

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### Vision

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

Strongly disagree

### Why?

NZ should have no petroleum sector whatsoever. Given the scale of threats posed by climate change, and the extremely tight timeframe left to reduce greenhouse gas emissions before hitting critical thresholds, the only responsible vision - particularly if we are to be environmentally and socially responsible - is the immediate ramping down of petroleum production, and no further exploration or development.

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

I want the petroleum sector gone. I want it to be completely wound up by 2035. I want mineral extraction for socially useful resources only, and with minimal environmental impacts. I also want the seabeds left alone with no sandmining or other seabed mining. I don't want any mining on public conservation land of any status - be it national park or stewardship land.

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

Keep them in the ground. We have the capacity for sustainably deriving value of anything (not just money, but cultural, social, environmental taonga - which are infinitely more precious) only if we leave it alone. The threats of climate change globally, and the more localised environmental effects, are so great that they dwarf the potential (and short-lived) financial gains from further extraction (and exploration)

### 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".

Disagree

### Why?

This objective is at such a high level that it can be wangled to mean anything depending on the agenda of those who stand to benefit. From an environmental and climate standpoint, both a and b are so generic you could drive an oil tanker through them. They are weasel words which allow any Minister, bureaucrat or oil lobbyist to say 'we just need to find some more oil and gas to tide us over this transition'. We don't need more oil - already we have three times more of it than we could ever to burn if we are to have some chance of staying under 2 degree C warming.

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

Strongly disagree

### Why?

I don't want it to be productive. It is morally irresponsible to want a productive petroleum sector, in the context of climate change

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

Agree

### Why?

Nothing must go on behind closed doors. It is crucial to avoid regulatory capture, e.g. of MBIE. There must be no special favours for lobbyists, or interference with NZ law and values (such as the disgraceful episode in the previous government when Hon Simon Bridges was courted by the fossil fuel industry and changed NZ legislation to make things easier for the oil industry - and to imping on New Zealanders' democratic rights and freedom to protest. (Anadarko Amendment.)

### Are there any other objectives for the minerals and petroleum sector that you would like us to consider in the strategy?

1. Providing just transition for workers in the fossil fuel sector, so that there are meaningful employment options for communities heavily reliant on fossil fuel extraction; 2 winding down the fossil fuel industry as a matter of urgency for climate protection and 3 instead, deploy these resources (i.e. oil and coal companies' finances) to develop renewable energy technologies and hasten their uptake.

### Guiding principles

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

Agree

### Why?

Providing respect is really what is shown - it should be stronger, stating the paramount importance of the environment, ecosystems and biodiversity

**Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.**

Agree

### Why?

as above, providing that respect is genuine. Maori cultural interests should trump any of those of industry. This phrasing smacks of tokenism and the 'respect' needs to be upgraded to acting in accordance with tino rangatiratanga

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

Agree

**Why?**

2050 is too late, given what we now know about how much more quickly the climate is changing (as of October 2018 UN report).. Needs to be 2035.

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

Agree

**Why?**

again, troublesome wording with a lot of potential for tokenism and excuses. It isn't too hard to read this as 'it's not fair for the people and communities of Taranaki to wind up the oil industry, so we're going to just go ahead and do what we've always done'

**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?**

Depends a great deal on the strategies of the Government of the day.

**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.**

Agree

**Why?**

Financial return for me is a secondary consideration, as what really matters to me is how these activities affect the environment, particularly our wildlife and the climate. However, if we are going to allow our land to be dug up and seabed to be drilled, we must ensure that we make a good deal of money out of it. Currently our royalties are very much to the lower end of the OECD range. If we're going to wreck our oceans, we may as well ensure that the oil companies aren't the only ones making money out of it.

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

We have information that was unavailable at the time the permits were granted. We have a climate emergency. We have far less time to transition than we used to think. Property rights have to come second to climate stability for ongoing healthy functioning of our land, oceans and ecological processes underlying a functioning and positive human society.

**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.**

Disagree

**Why?**

again, too much wriggle room here to allow business as usual. What matters most and is the thing that the Crown should protect above all, is the need for future generations - not their need for oil resources, but for a functioning climate, healthy environment and the opportunity to see Aotearoa's beauty - and its extraordinary biodiversity - as we do today.

**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.**

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?**

Yes - protecting the climate should be first and foremost and should be at the heart of the strategy. The strategy should be a ten-year 'power down' operation, with no further exploration, bans on commencing production in wells that currently are only developed for exploration, and meanwhile, ramping up renewable energy efforts, and employment options for those in communities currently heavy dependent on the fossil fuel industry for their economies.

**Action areas intro**

**Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

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

Disagree

**Why?**

As I have said above, all policy settings need to be changed to 'power down' the energy sector - in fossil fuels, that is.

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

Imperative of responding to climate emergency. How quickly can we become energy self-sufficient, once we have excluded fossil fuels

**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**

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**

Neither agree nor disagree

**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?**

As I have said earlier - Strategy should be urgent and immediate need to scale down fossil fuel use, with half of current production levels by 2030 (by which time the UN

estimate we will need to have halved our greenhouse gas emissions). Anything less is morally irresponsible.

**Other**

**Are there any other comments you would like to make about the “Minerals and Petroleum Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand: 2019-2029”?**

no more permit extensions to allow ongoing production of oil (particularly for wells yet to be developed to production status). Immediate moratorium on all further oil well development. Immediate to deep-sea drilling and fracking. Immediate prohibition of seabed mining. <br />

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We need to build a circular economy that focuses on recycling and utilising waste resources before new mining for materials for the cleantech economy. <br />

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Any extraction of minerals should only happen with greater input by iwi and hapu and with minimal environmental impact.<br />

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