

Introduction

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Vision

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to be socially and environmentally responsible for how we extract and use our minerals and petroleum, though we should be looking for ways to not use these and find alternatives that are renewable and sustainable.

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

A clean, green New Zealand that makes sustainable and responsible use of the minerals and petroleum we have in this country.

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

From petroleum I'm not sure there is a sustainable way, unless we find a way to recycle plastics back into petroleum products. Minerals need to be extracted in as environmentally friendly a way as possible, and also in a way that gives those doing the hard work to have a decent living and minimal damage to their health.

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".

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to be reducing our carbon footprint to help halt the damage being done to the planet. A productive, sustainable and inclusive economy is something we must strive for, for the benefit of all New Zealanders - not just in the minerals and petroleum industries, but across all industries.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Productive is necessary for continued use of the final product and innovative so we can find new ways to use what we have - or find more ecologically friendly and sustainable alternatives.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Where regulations exist they MUST be adhered to, and where they don't, or are no longer good enough they MUST become the best they can be so that the environment, workers and the general New Zealander is the healthiest and best it they can be.

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

That alternatives should be incorporated into the petroleum sector for the day when petroleum is gone.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We only have one planet and we can't afford to destroy it so environment, ecosystems and biodiversity must be respected because the loss of any of them is a loss to the whole balanced structure of our planet.

Principle: Maori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

For so long Maori cultural interests have been ignored and not accepted as equal to European cultural interests. It is time, and past it, that the Tangata Whenua were respected in this country.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We need to be more sustainable and non-polluting and by using so much carbon in our cars, transportation industry and any other field that sends carbon into the atmosphere without doing our best to retain it in the plants is wasteful and destructive.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We only have industry because of people and if people and communities are damaged the regions will be much poorer for it. Our country is more than the cities and the smaller areas need to be living communities again.

Principle: Support a circular economy by meeting resource needs through resource efficiency, recycling and reuse.

Strongly agree

Why?

Waste not want not is an old adage, but still holds a lot of truth today. If we waste what we have one day there will be nothing left for us because we will have destroyed it with our greed. Recycle everything - and in NZ, don't send it overseas, be as efficient as possible with the resources we have here and produce as much of our own as we possibly can.

Principle: Actions taken within the mineral and petroleum sector should align with the strategic direction of other related sectors and Government strategies.

Strongly agree

Why?

Everything is connected and when one area is out of balance the whole system breaks down.

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?

At the moment the Crown is doing better in its duty towards Maori as a treaty partner but there is a very long way to go. The language should be taught all the time in schools (as should NZ Sign Language) as it is an official language of this country but you would be forgiven for thinking otherwise given the lack of teaching most children get. More should be done for the Maori so that they can be the best they can be and not disadvantaged because they are Maori as happens far too often today. The Crown MUST fulfill its part in the treaty and in settlements and from now on must do more than pay lip service to Maori being partners and making them so.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Because The Crown then has more money in Treasury which can then be used for the advantage of ALL NZers whether that be roads, a strong education and health sector or for other things that are needed here.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

There must be no "behind closed doors" deals as that means New Zealanders as a whole don't get what is rightfully theirs. We all own this country, not the government alone, and The Crown must operate so that we can all see what they are doing with our belongings.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We are in a time of climate crisis. We need to say to the holders, sorry, what you are doing is no longer allowed as it is unethical, polluting and (in the long run) destructive and finite. Tell these huge overseas multinationals they need to find alternative, renewable ways of providing what they do.

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?

The Crown can't afford to be short sighted and only think of what we need now. They need to look to the future and do their best to make sure NZ becomes the clean, green country we pride ourselves on being where we work with the environment to recycle and reuse as much as we can.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

All communication needs to be clear so that everyone understands what and 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?

People deserve to be treated well. Our workplaces need to be safe and healthy places for us to be so that we continue to contribute to society and our families, rather than becoming a drain on them if we are injured in the course of our working lives.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Best practice is the way we should always operate, while striving to improve it in all ways.

Principle: Seek innovative ways to improve the resource efficiency of extraction operations; and minimise the negative impacts of these operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

This is an important goal, with the underlying caveat that those industries find alternatives to the finite resources they are extracting.

Principle: Engage with stakeholders and implement management systems to understand and manage impacts, and realise opportunities for redress where needed.

Strongly agree

Why?

Management systems are important so that people are safe at work, the environment is kept as pristine as possible and new ways of doing things are always being looked for, for the benefit of everyone, not just management.

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?

What was considered best practice 30 years ago is now dangerous and unsafe. Safety equipment and ways of doing things have improved so the Act needs to be improved along with these changes.

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

That there is a reduction in extraction of minerals and petroleum, that those industries are encouraged to find alternatives.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Affordable is important.

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

That we try and source our needs within our country rather than going overseas for everything. In a time of increasing international volatility we may need to stand on our own.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Maori have been disregarded for too long. They were here before the Europeans who took over.

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

That we give more than lip service to being Treaty partners and making it an actuality. We are on our way, but there is a long way to go.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

We all live in NZ and the country belongs to us; We are New Zealand, therefore we are the owners of the land, not the Crown.

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

More engagement with communities and stakeholders.

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Some industries seem to get away with anything, or pay money to have laws changed in their favour. This has to stop for the good of all New Zealanders

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

That fines are increased, that industries that continually break the rules lose their hold on their company or industry. Repeat offenders go to jail and pay massive fines.

Action Area: Research and investment in better mining and resource use

Strongly agree

Why?

There is always room for improvement, and new ways of doing things so research needs to be pursued, then implemented, so we are always doing our best for workers, communities, companies and the environment

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

Continual improvement.

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”?

Find alternatives that are reusable and have as minimal an impact on the environment as possible.

Be as respectful of the environment as possible. Do no harm if possible.

Respect the workers and Maori.

Be fair, open and respectful.

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