

## Introduction

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**Vision**

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

Agree

**Why?**

I agree that the minerals sector can create wealth for NZ, especially as it makes use of new technologies in the future, in a way that protects the natural environment and does not contribute to carbon emissions. However, I believe it is impossible for the petroleum industry to exist in a "socially responsible way", with global heating proceeding at unprecedented rates.

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

New recycling techniques and extractive technologies enable climate-friendly mineral availability. Renewable energy replaces petroleum.

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

New Zealand must accept that fossil fuel use is leading to the destruction of the planet as a place that supports human life - petroleum and coal resources have a negative value for society as a whole. Recycling technologies have the potential to reduce our need for mineral mining.

**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?**

"Responsibly" means taking responsibility for climate heating. "Productive" means efficiently producing minerals we need in a manner that supports the other

descriptors. "Sustainable" means that what is produced, and the means of production, support the well-being of all life on earth. "Inclusive" means that the views of tangata whenua are taken seriously and included in decision making. And clearly there is an urgent need for us to create a carbon-neutral economy if life on earth is to be tenable for humans in another century.

**Objective for a sector that: "Is productive and innovative".**

Agree

**Why?**

"Productive" insofar as this is possible without contributing to climate heating and social disruption. "Innovative" according to the same criteria.

**Objective for a sector that: "Is effectively regulated".**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Effective regulation is a primary responsibility of government. And the regulation needs to reflect long-term goals such as sustainability and the requirements of tangata whenua, ie be in the interests of all New Zealanders rather than the interests of the sector.

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

Recycling should be a primary goal of the minerals sector. Rapid phasing out of the petroleum sector, with support for affected communities. An immediate halt to seabed mineral extraction and petroleum exploration.

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This principle supports the objective of New Zealand continuing to support life in the future - thus supporting the complex and only partly understood natural systems that underlie this.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Maori concepts should be part of the way we live in NZ. For too long they have been ignored.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

A carbon-neutral economy is the only hope for the survival of the earth as we know it, as a place that supports human life. Decision-makers should no longer remain wilfully ignorant of the science.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

"Just" implies that justice is something that is available to all, rather than something to be purchased from the most expensive and ingenious lawyers.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This will reduce the need for resource extraction, thus contributing to all other objectives.

**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?**

Strong government leadership is the only way for the sector to act in the interests of the country as a whole.

**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?**

The Treaty is the foundation of NZ society.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

Transparent, yes. Fair, reasonable, proportionate - no. The Crown should not be obliged to take account of the interests of the industry equally with the long-term interests of NZ society.

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

Disagree

**Why?**

Production, maybe - but allowing petroleum exploration to continue in the face of what is known about climate heating is irresponsible in the extreme. This is a time for urgent action in the interests of humanity rather than industry.

**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 disagree

**Why?**

"Need" is a highly subjective term here. This principle does not support the kind of change that is needed in the petroleum industry in particular.

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

Strongly 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.**

Strongly 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?**

**Action areas intro**

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

Strongly agree

**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**

Agree

**Why?**

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

Set up a small group to consider really innovative recycling technologies

**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**

Strongly 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**

Strongly agree

**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?**

**Other**

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

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