

## Introduction

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Lawyer

**Is this an individual submission or on behalf of a group or organisation?**

Individual

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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?**

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

My vision for the sector is that it is curtailed to the extent necessary to protect our environment. People complaining about lost profits or "lost value" from curtailing this sector need to bear the loss. Our environment has no voice to complain about what it has lost and what it stands to lose. Any loss to the economy/productivity from reduced sector profits is acceptable if it is necessary to protect our environment. Increased productivity in other sectors from sustainable industries will outweigh lost productivity in the mining/petroleum industries.

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

Only to the extent that this "derivation of value" does not affect our environment. If there is no level of petroleum or mineral extraction that is safe for our environment, these resources should not be used. to "derive value".

**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 disagree

**Why?**

The objectives need to be reversed - carbon neutrality is paramount. If it is necessary to reject objective (a) for the purposes of objective (b), so be it.

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

This objective MUST be caveated by the phrase "Is productive and innovative ONLY IF there is no effect on the environment and carbon neutral goals."

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Holding the sector to account is of paramount importance. No sector is above the law. The regulator must be appropriately resourced so that industry participants do not consider that flouting the regulations is a viable risk to take because they might not get caught. The resource strategy should consider creating regulations/legislation that enables the revocation of current sector permits that damage the environment, or that are inconsistent with carbon neutral goals.

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

Consideration of options and a plan to completely remove this sector from NZ industry - there are other more productive industries that do not risk the complete destruction of our environment.

**Guiding principles**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Earlier if possible.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This is important, BUT ONLY IF the impact on the environment (and its consequent impact on people, communities, and regions) is given equal, if not greater, weight than the economic impact on people, communities and regions.,

**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.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

**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.**

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

Financial return can be disregarded. The environment is more important.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

The "proportionality" needs to ensure that correct weight is given to the risks to profits/economy vs risk to the environment. Profits/economies recover. The environment does not.

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

If current permit holder production/exploration impacts our environment, the Crown should have the legislative ability to revoke those permits.

**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?**

The world needs to find a way to do without minerals and petroleum. The "need for minerals and petroleum" must be reduced. The Crown has the ability to incentivise individuals and organisations to reduce their demand for minerals and petroleum. Individuals and organisations are unlikely to independently reduce their mineral/petroleum needs.

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

Agree

**Why?**

Only to the extent that it does not slow down and undermine the urgent action that is required to protect our environment.

**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**

Stiongly disagree

**Why?**

"Affordable" is irrelevant. "Sustainable" is paramount.

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

**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?**

Requiring better funding and Crown resourcing to ensure adequate auditing (proactive regulation), not just investigative work (reactive regulation).

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Only if it is sustainable.

**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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