

## Introduction

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**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?**

Agree

**Why?**

The wording seems to be well intentioned

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

That we continue to use our resources, but prioritise doing so with minimal impact on the environment. Especially cutting down on fossil fuel use, which is a major contributor to climate change.

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

By focusing on protecting the environment. By distinguishing between fossil fuels and other minerals. By acknowledging the difference between aggregates, rock used for roading and concrete which are abundant and can be mined with very low impact, and minerals like gold which cause major environmental disruption. Metals essential for the transition to a zero carbon economy (eg lithium, cobalt) should be given priority over those which are merely "nice to have" (eg gold – there is enough gold already above ground for essential industrial uses.)

**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?**

The key word in that is SUSTAINABLE. Fossil fuels will be all used up soon.

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

Agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

So that companies do not get out of positive environmental things like replanting areas which have been open-mined.

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

There is no distinction made between fossil fuels, which must go to zero as fast as possible because they are driving climate change, and other minerals which should be assessed on their environmental impact. There is no distinction made between aggregates, rock used for roading and concrete which are abundant and can be mined with very low impact, and minerals like gold which cause major environmental disruption. Metals essential for the transition to a zero-carbon economy (eg lithium, cobalt) should be given priority over those which are merely “nice to have” (eg gold – there is enough gold already above ground for essential industrial uses.)

**Guiding principles**

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

Disagree

**Why?**

Respected is not enough. The environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity need to be actively protected.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Te Tiriti says that we need to.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

But also, don't just scrape by the deadline. Aim for 2040. And the word 'support' is a bit ambiguous - a better phrase would be along the lines of 'actively do everything we can to be carbon zero by 2050'

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

People matter!

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This makes sense. However, how are you going to do this? Be clear that this would be actively worked on, not just 'supported'.

**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?**

I have no idea what this means.

**Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for the Crown?**

**Principle: The Crown honours its duty towards Maori as a Treaty partner, adheres to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and its duty to meet settlement commitments.**

Strongly agree

**Why?**

We signed a treaty. We have to go by it.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly disagree

**Why?**

This principle puts the property rights of miners ahead of the transition to zero carbon. It means renewal and expansion of existing oil drilling licences even when there is a ban on new oil drilling.

**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.**

Agree

**Why?**

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

**Why?**

**Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for Industry?**

**Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.**

Agree

**Why?**

Lets not have bad working conditions.

**Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.**

**Why?**

I have no idea what this means. It seems to me that 'best practice' is extracting the most resources as the company can, to get the most profit, without answering to the negative consequences of this exploitation of our natural resources.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

At least go plant some trees.

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

**Why?**

**Are there any other principles you would like us to consider in the strategy?**

Gas is NOT a sustainable bridge to a low carbon (let alone zero carbon) economy. It's carbon dioxide emissions are more like 60% of coal rather than the 50% often quoted by industry, and we have to add to that significant methane releases from all parts of the production and use cycle. Also, The Strategy should set a timeframe for the phase out of fossil fuels, starting with no new coal mines or oil and gas wells, and protecting essential uses of these fuels (eg steel making) for as long as possible, while closing down uses for which there are good substitutes, like electricity generation, promptly.

**Action areas intro**

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

**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?**

**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?**

Then we can stop them going rogue.

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

Making sure companies re-plant (with native plants) areas which they have finished extracting minerals from.

**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”?**

We need to prioritise going to carbon-zero. We need to cut down on fossil fuels, especially fracking. And phase out coal mines as well as oil and gas wells - we do need to keep making steel, but that is the ONLY thing we should be using our coal for. Energy can be supplied by geo-thermal, solar, and wind.

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