

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?

Of importance here for me is the 'environmentally and socially responsible way'

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

I recognise that we need a certain level of mineral extraction. However, we must rapidly phase out fossil fuel extraction. So my vision is a rapid transition away from fossil fuel extraction, in order to minimise climate change and safeguard the future for our children and grandchildren.

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

By rapidly phasing out fossil fuel extraction. Keep the petroleum and fossil fuel resources in the ground. Do not extract them. 'Sustainability' and 'extraction of petroleum resources' are incompatible.

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?

This means effecting a rapid phase-out of fossil fuel extraction. That is fundamental to the transition to a carbon neutral economy. For our economy to be 'sustainable', we must have a climate that can sustain society and the environment and biodiversity. If we continue on our present path of permit extensions, continuing to burn fossil fuels, etc, the state of our economy will be the least of our worries!

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

Agree

Why?

So long as 'innovative' means that that diversification away from - i.e., the desisting of - fossil fuel extraction.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Effective regulation is critical for ensuring environmental and social responsibility in action and behaviour, as well as for ensuring safety in action and behaviour in beha

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

Guiding principles

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Critical: without healthy, functioning, and thriving environments, ecosystems and biodiversity, the planet will not be habitable for humans as a species. We are reliant on these. Any extraction of mineral should ONLY happen with minimal environmental impact.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Maori are the tangata whenua of this land. They, and their interests, have been marginalised and disregarded for too long. Any extraction of minerals should only happen with greater input by iwi and hapu.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

This is critical. We need the rapid phase-out of fossil fuel extraction (including no more permit extensions, a halt to deep-sea drilling and fracking). The importance of a rapid and just transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050 cannot be understated. The longer we delay, the less comfortable such a transition will be.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

We must make the changes to a carbon neutral economy in a just and inclusive way. This includes a just transition for the working people and communities whose jobs currently rely on fossil fuel extraction. The Government needs to support working people and unions to train for new careers in clean industries. It would be utterly immoral and unconscionable for us to allow those with privilege and resource to 'buy their way through' to do so at the expense of those without.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Absolutely yes. While this will require some retraining of people's habits, it is vital. If the infrastructure and mechanisms are in place, the community will engage with this.

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?

Yes. We are all together in this waka that is planet earth. We cannot have one sector pulling in a different direction.

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?

Te Tiriti is the only basis on which the Crown has any right to be here. It is the founding document of this country. We MUST do better at honouring it, and moving forward in partnership.

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.

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Disagree

Why?

We, as a race, are rapidly approaching a tipping point. The science is clear: we have a certain carbon budget left beyond which climate change will be irreversible. In my view, we are now at a stage when all current permits must be reviewed and those extracting fossil fuels moved towards winding down. Those that are exploring for fossil fuels must be revoked. I understand that this will be legally difficult. However, I do not see that humanity has a choice.

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?

Intergenerational equity and justice is important. And the best evidence MUST include the climate science. In fact, the climate science must take a primary role in these decisions.

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?

So long as 'health and safety' is interpreted to include long-term health and safety of communities, society, environment, biodiversity. Therefore, this means that those continuous improvements will entail moving out of the fossil fuel extraction industry.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

So long as 'industry best practice' is interpreted to mean environmentally and socially responsible and sustainable.

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

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

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

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

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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