

## Introduction

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**Position title (if applicable):**

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

Individual

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General public

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**Vision**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

I agree with the statement with respect to minerals, but I do not believe that New Zealand should have a future of any kind in the petroleum sector.

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

The paramount principle in all decisions affecting the sector must be the preservation and protection of our environment, biodiversity and the planet for future generations. If this protection means that less economic activity occurs in the sector, then this is how it has to be.

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

I am not an expert in this area, but all decisions must be made in accordance with scientific consensus about how best to protect the environment and the planet.

**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”.**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

I would like to see the objective strengthened to make it clear that the transition to carbon zero is a matter of extreme urgency and that sustainability and environmental protections are paramount over economic objectives.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

Effective regulation is essential to ensuring that environmental degradation for profit is not allowed to continue.

**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.**

Disagree

**Why?**

This principle needs to be much stronger - the environment, ecosystems and biodiversity must be absolutely protected (not just respected).

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

There needs to be more ambitious near-term goals than just 2050 neutrality.

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

This principle sounds fantastic, but much more time, effort and resources needs to be invested in making it a reality.

**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?**

In particular, all actions must align with with the Zero Carbon Act (once it comes into force).

**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.**

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

The Crown should receive a fair return for any minerals coming out of the ground, but I am also very happy to see the minerals (and certainly the petroleum) staying in the ground (and therefore no financial return being received).

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

Strongly agree

**Why?**

I agree with this statement so long as "reasonable and proportionate" are assessed in the context of the climate and biodiversity crisis we are currently facing.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

**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?**

All decisions should be based on prevailing scientific opinion regarding sustainability.

**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?**

The paramount principle must be environmental and climate protection.

**Action areas intro**

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

Neither agree nor disagree

**Why?**

I do not know enough about the existing Act to be able to comment.

**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?**

**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”?**

As I have stated several times above, in my opinion, the Strategy needs to focus much more strongly on environmental protection. We are facing a climate and biodiversity crisis - environmental protection and must therefore be the paramount consideration across the sector. I want to see reductions of fossil fuels and protection of habitats and biodiversity take precedence over all other considerations. This is the only rational decision we can make if we want to have a habitable planet for future generations.

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