

Introduction

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Vision

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Minerals and petroleum are seldom if ever extracted in an environmentally and socially responsible way. There are ALWAYS damaging environmental effects.

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

No more petroleum extraction - because of climate change. No more coal extraction - same reason. Minerals also have to stay in the ground to preserve our natural environment. Our current economic and extractive systems are no longer sustainable

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

It cant. That is a reality that we MUST come to grips with.

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?

This is pie in the sky. It will not work. We are already at 420ppm carbon in the atmosphere. Even the conservative IPCC is becoming alarmed at the climate changes taking place. We are at the point of needing to totally transform into another economic system, that is circular and not based on the use of fossil fuels.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Not possible for the reasons outlined above, unless we want to exterminate most life on the planet. We are already dangerously close to climate feedback loops kicking in (if they have not already started to do so) In which case forget any kind of economy. No environment no nature no economy. Its time we really woke up to this basic fact. We cannot have continued growth on a finite planet.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

There will not be effective regulation. The sector lobbies strongly and will water down any regulation that might come close to being effective. The extractive industries operate on the principle of externalities. That is they extract and damage the environment and taxpayers have to pay to clean up - even if a truly restorative clean-up is possible and I doubt that. They do not remediate if that is possible.

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

Yes - close them down and re-direct their energies into truly environmentally restorative endeavours.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Look at the state of our environment. Its a disaster. We cant even remedy our water pollution. Historically the extractive industries have caused many environmental problems. I have not seen anything to indicate that that has changed.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly disagree

Why?

When and where? Again history shows this is totally untrue.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Too late. It needs to be in the next 10 years.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

When has this ever happened. Who is the more powerful self-interested lobby - I'll give you a clue - its not communities

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

Strongly agree

Why?

But the extractive industries because of how they operate cannot do this.

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?

What if those strategies are not in alignment with best environmental and socail practise?

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 disagree

Why?

History speaks for itself E.G. Ihumaatao

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The NZ GOvewrnmnt has not had a very good track record at successfully negotiating good agreements with the industry

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Watered down and ineffective regulation

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

Why?

Sometimes there are situations - for example now - whenwe are in aclimate emerge ncy that this just cannot happen

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?

No. These decisions are usually the half pie ineffectual result of pressure from selfish industry lobby groups. The Government needs to be far stronger in protecting the environment and communities. Its not all about money or jobs .

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

Disagree

Why?

Often the Crown makes very short times frames in its consultation - an indication that it already knows what it is going to do.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Unless there is legislation with real teeth and robust inspection systems, industry will continue to play fast and loose with workers safety and health

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Sounds good. But really I am sceptical that this will happen in the current neo liberal capitalist environment

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

Why?

Pie in the sky. Wont happen. Sounds good but look at Pike River. Thats often how industry operates. It has to be literally hog tied and forced to be responsible. In many situations it is just not possible to minimise the negative impact.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

This is all just verbiage. The current buzz words. These words have no substance behind them.

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?

Modernising only if it is more restrictive on extractive industries. NO mining in environmentally sensitive areas.

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

Closing down extractive industries.

Action Area: Securing affordable resources to meet our minerals and energy needs

Strongly disagree

Why?

Once you get into the affordable area you then get into environmental shortcuts and greater damage. We are going to have to stop being a consumer society if we are to survive. This should minimise the need for extractive industries.

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

Recycling of the materials already mined and extracted. Are you aware that for every ton of rare earths mined for computers, phones, wind turbines and electric cars, there is a ton of radio-active waste created? and that the extractive industry now produces more radioactive waste than the nuclear power industry. Our current economic and consumer system is not sustainable in any way.

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?

But this should be a sunset industry

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

Above phasing out extractive industries

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

For the above reasons.

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

Phasing out - making them sunset industries

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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