

Introduction

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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?

Current wording gives no direction - most companies would say that they are "there" now.

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

Provide needed materials for a sustainable economy using world-leading environmentally and socially responsible techniques.

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

First we must quantify and continue to quantify what we have in NZ. We can only decide how best to use our resources if we know what they are.

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".

Agree

Why?

Would prefer wording stating minimal (or zero) pollution as an objective. Carbon is only one problem.

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

Agree

Why?

Talking about minerals and petroleum similarly is failing to understand that they are fundamentally different industries. One supplies materials which predominantly persist, the other energy which is consumed.

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

Agree

Why?

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

Separate out petroleum & coal from minerals. The former are currently "burnt" while the latter is used to "make stuff". The impacts on society are very different.

Guiding principles

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

Agree

Why?

respected now? Not yet.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Agree

Why?

Still work to do here.

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

Agree

Why?

Would prefer wording stating minimal (or zero) pollution as the objective. Carbon is only one problem.

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

Agree

Why?

Great objective - this will prove hard to do. There are many disadvantaged groups already in our communities. The transition being planned will impact on them hardest.

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

Agree

Why?

This objective is great, but will prove difficult to achieve without significant cost implications.

Principle: Actions taken within the mineral and petroleum sector should align with the strategic direction of other related sectors and Government strategies.

Agree

Why?

Agree, but we need a long term NZ strategy that all the main political parties "buy in to". Otherwise Govt. strategies will change and progress will be erratic at best.

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.

Agree

Why?

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

Disagree

Why?

I suspect we do not "earn" enough off our assets. But that's a consequence of companies threatening to do their "work" elsewhere that is cheaper.

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

Disagree

Why?

The Crown is too trusting of Operators here in NZ. Other countries (e.g. UK, Denmark) require significantly more information from their Operators and must also approve developments to a much greater detail than NZ does. We lose efficiencies between Operators and learnings from oversight under current system.

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

Agree

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.

Disagree

Why?

Difficult to agree here when decisions are made with no plan in place as to how to proceed thereafter. I understand and agree that we need to set objectives, but we also need to plan some steps towards those objectives before commitment.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Agree that communication are (mostly) clear. But engagement is certainly not always proactive with all stakeholders. Who decides whom the "relevant" stakeholders are?

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

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

Agree

Why?

Management systems are useful tools, but someone intelligent still needs to understand what it all means.

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

Do not count on new technology to progress toward objectives. Technology development is usually not as straightforward as many assume. Also remember that we are competing for people, knowledge and resources with other countries. There is little chance that we will be able to access those "clean-tech" minerals in the volumes required at present.

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Agree

Why?

Need to encourage companies to align with a longer term NZ strategy.

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?

Be careful in assuming that onshore Taranaki and current offshore permits can provide all our gas needs till 2050. Yes we can import gas, but is that produced to the same (health, safety, social & environmental) standards?

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

Continue to explore for oil & gas to see what resources we have. We do not have to burn them - they have many other uses.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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"?

Strategy has many general statements that count on "new" technology and new resources. Baseline strategy should be based on a "no new resources or technology" basis i.e. don't base strategy on unproven foundations.

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