

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?

We, as a country, should be getting out fo the minerals and petroleum sector altogether. The time is now past for such feuls and we need to be looking far into the future now by beginning to develop new and some not-so-new methods - for example solar power, long life batteries, etc.

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

The minerals and petroleum sector is based on the concept of a non-renewable source of energy. If we don't start looking to future alternatives now, this country, the world, is doing nothing more than burying its head in the sand - as it has already done for so long. the time now is not for a vision for the minerals and petroleum sector but rather renewable sources, such as the sun as one example. It has been clearly shown that solar power can create the energy to manage homes, vehicles and whole cities. The only problem here is that it is cheap which is not in the best interests of the mineral and petroleum industry.

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

New Zealand con not have any chance of a sustainable future with petroleum and mineral resources. They are a limited supply, cause great harm to the planet we like to think of as home, and destroys the natural habitat for some of our closest creatures. Mineral and petroleum resources does, by definition, not mean sustainability.

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?

The minerals and petroleum sector can not, in any way, deliver a sustainable economy and can not contribute to a carbon neutral economy. To think this sector can do so, is an oxymoron.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

In what way could the minerals and petroleum sector be considered productive and innovative - yet another oxymoron.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

To say the minerals and petroleum sector could even begin to be effectively regulated is an innocent concept which totally belies the past position, transactions, and practices of the oil companies. Does a leopard change its spot?

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

Yes, you need to totally change the emphasis of the strategy to one that is real and actual in its consideration of sustainability, clean, renewable and is not dependant on any economy at all. As long as there is any dependence upon this economy the oil companies will continue to do as they wish.

Guiding principles

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

What evidence is there that the environment, ecosystems and biodiversity are respected in any way. To so it is nothing by smoke and mirrors.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly disagree

Why?

If the interests of the Tangata whenua were being understood and respected we wouldn't need this strategy, this consideration, the survey in the first place. We would be respecting the land, the sea, The Treaty instead.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

That is too far out and it is human nature to leave things to the last minute and leaving this to the last minute means it will not happen at all by 2050 and we will be looking at yet another extension of time until everyone wakes up and realises it has never happened at all.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is answered by some of the previous responses.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Someone has to do something about the sea of plastic we are drowning in. If we did, we would not be the first, so why can't we at least follow - roading, housing, etc are all done elsewhere in the world using recycled plastic; so why aren't we?

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

There should no longer be a mineral and petroleum sector. They have had their day; it is now time for sustainability, environmentalism, biodiversity, etc, etc.

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 disagree

Why?

Unfortunately, I sadly believe that the Crown really does believe that they honour their duty towards Maori - but again, if they did, we would not be having this discussion.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

No idea, but if they do then to me that reaks more of corruption than anything else.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

Since when? How can we say that now, or any time for that matter, when no we have 95% of this country's weath in the hands of only 5% of the country's population.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

It would appear they do, but having made campaign promises to stop all oil drilling, and then to go back on by saying, it's alright if you have a current permit. Weak, to say the least. who is in control here - the government or the oil industry?

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?

I can not see how any government, let alone this current coalition, would ever dream of thinging that the minerals and petroleum sector has any benefit for both now and especially future generations.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

When it was announced that teh present government was going to stop all oil drilling for ever, many people, myself included, thought that sanity had, at last, prevailed. It didn't take long for MBIE to advise the cabinet how not to do that - rather than fulfill their role of advising ministers on how to do something.

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

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Yes, health and safety in the workplace, as well as the home and the community is paramount to any future life.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

More people, both consumers and other businesses are more and more looking to retailers, merchants, suppliers, etc to perform to ethical standards and conduct their business according to the various industry best practice.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

There is no possible innovative way of improving the efficiency of obtaining fossil fuels and minerals. They are non-renewable and this is one of the ways in which we are destroying our planet.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

The time is long past understanding these issues and managing impacts. The damage has already been done and now all focus of anyone who can needs to be directed towards ensuring the survival of this planet into the future. If we are still concerning ourselves with trying to understand these issues and only now looking at ways to manage the impact, then perhaps we are already doomed.

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

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly disagree

Why?

The Crown Minerals Act should, by now, be only concerning itself with the preservation of the planet and the sustainability of life on this planet.

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

Pro-actively and un-deniably stop all drainage of the earth's resources - whether it be oil, minerals, water, etc.

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

Strongly disagree

Why?

We should not be looking at meeting our minerals and energy needs but totally looking at alternative sources of energy - such as the sun. Every home in New Zealand could generate its own electricity to power the house and power up the car battery - if the solar panels and the e-vehicles were more affordable by all, by everyone.

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

Making sure that all the people of New Zealand can afford solar energy for the home, the factory, the office - as well as e-vehicles.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

Treaty partnership should have been active since 1840. It wasn't, and in many ways, it still isn't. Despite the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 being enacted to enforce the original 1840 document, our society is still a long way from a full and frank partnership. For example, most people are not aware we are a bicultural country - they believe we are a multicultural one.

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

Whatever it takes; it is now time to get it done.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly disagree

Why?

This is a difficult one when talking about politics because that is what we elect our representatives to do on our behalf. However, we often find that, after the election won on promises to woo the voters, these promises are broken time after time in what seems to be all in the name of ensuring being returned to government at the next election.

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

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Agree

Why?

Some regulation is good, otherwise you have "anything" goes. But on the other hand, too much regulation is bad for competition and creativity in business.

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 disagree

Why?

As I have said several times throughout this document, there should be no research or investment in better mining and resource use. Those days are gone - we must look to the future or there won't be one.

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

Stop thinking in these terms - it is not getting us anywhere.

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"?

Yes - the strategy should be to cease having one and to look into the cheap (if not even free) use of solar energy - solar panels and e-vehicles.

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