

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?

Environmental and Social responsibility should be the primary focuses, as well as research into and application of renewable and alternative sources of energy.

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

That is is governed by conscious before profit. That we turn environmental sustainability into profit and become role model leaders for the world in a model that is both sustainable and profitable.

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

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?

If we are to maintain our tourism industry and the precious natural assets that make Aotearoa so special, these objectives are vital. I want many generations to come to enjoy the beautiful water and land I have growing up here.

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

Agree

Why?

Productivity should be measured by the working conditions for the employees and by the sustainability i.e. environmental longevity of the sector. Innovation should be measured by sustainable practices and renewable energy research and application, becoming world leaders in clean, green technology.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Regulation is essential to avoid "greenwashing" and ensure sustainability is genuine and not a facade. It must be a third party regulation that has no vested interest in the sector.

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?

To maintain Aotearoa's pristine beauty, and restore that which we have already lost, and fulfill our obligations to future generations who will have to manage the world we leave behind for them.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

Why?

Māori kaupapa of kaitiakitanga provide an integral knowledge of sustainability practices. It is also important to acknowledge the history of this land and how it has been changed since colonial times, and our current responsibility to show kaitiakitanga over the land.

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

Disagree

Why?

We need to act much sooner - this objective should be met by 2035 or 2040 at latest otherwise we will witness irreversible change. We need to be global leaders as our small population and geography has a small impact, but if we lead by example and larger countries follow suit, we can have a vast global impact across sustainability, innovation and economy.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

It is a human right that everyone has access to a clean, healthy natural environment. Environmental issues are human rights issues.

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

Disagree

Why?

Recycling and reusing are curative measures, we need to think preventatively and reduce our impact first and foremost, particularly in the petroleum and minerals sector. Agree that efficiency should be a top priority.

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

Agree

Why?

There should be a cohesive objectives across sectors to ensure everyone is on the same page and objectives of different sectors aren't negating each other.

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?

To honour historic wrongs and make them right; to acknowledge the tangata whenua and primary guardians of Aotearoa.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

Unsure - unclear.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

A third party regulator for The Crown would be preferable. Transparency is a key priority for regulation of any kind.

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

Disagree

Why?

The permits need to be reviewed in alignment with the current / updated strategies and principles to ensure they have an impact of sustainability and environment. Everyone

must be accountable within the sector. Change of outcome requires change of the current behaviours.

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.

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

The Crown should make policy decisions based on what is most environmentally sustainable and leading research into alternative and renewable energies, to ensure responsibility for future generations.

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

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?

The wellbeing of employees will ensure a genuine investment and care is taken towards the work and sustainability.

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Workers need training and to truly understand the impact of their work and industry; it must be impacting and not obligatory or rudimentary.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

These should be key focuses.

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

Strongly agree

Why?

Communication, regulation and transparency are vital to the success and sustainability of the industry.

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 agree

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

Agree

Why?

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

Seeking a balance between affordable, environmentally sustainable and ethically sourced.

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

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

Consulting iwi leaders and key Māori research personnel / experts.

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

It is essential that the public community understand the impact of this industry and how it affects their daily life and their descendants.

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

Public campaigns in relation to consumption of these resources and what the Government is implementing to ensure sustainability (ie. leading by example).

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

There must be significant financial, operation and reputation incentives to hold industry accountable.

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

Must be more than financial incentive for compliance to ensure compliance e.g. sanctions for operational misconduct. This must be directed to the corporation / industry and NOT individuals / employees as these are largely low-middle class workers supporting families, or young adults.

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”?

We need to focus on the rapid phase-out of fossil fuel extraction, that means no more permit extensions and a halt to deep-sea drilling and fracking. This needs to include 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.

We need to build a circular economy that focuses on recycling and utilising waste resources before new mining for materials for the cleantech economy.

Any extraction of minerals should only happen with greater input by iwi and hapu and with minimal environmental impact.

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