#### Introduction

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Please specify the group that you most identify with Please indicate which type of group your submission represents Please specify the group or organisation that your submission is on behalf of. Vision Do you agree or disagree with the overall vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

Strongly disagree

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

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

It can't and must not from fossil fuel.

### 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

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

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#### **Objective for a sector that: "Is effectively regulated".**

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

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#### **Guiding principles**

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

Strongly disagree

#### Why?

Weak, unclear and unenforceable words like "respect" must not be used. They must be replaced with strong, clear and enforceable words like "protect". For example: Principle: The environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity are PROTECTED now and in the long term.

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly agree

#### Why?

Why?

Treaty of Waitangi.

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

Strongly agree

2050 is too slow a transition. Human activity in and originating from New Zealand must be climate neutral or climate negative well before 2050.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

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## 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

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**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? The Treaty of Waitangi is the foundation document of Aotearoa New Zealand as a nation.

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Neither agree nor disagree

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

Strongly disagree

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# 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

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

Strongly agree

Why?

All Crown policies and actions must move in the direction of real direct democracy.

#### Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for Industry? Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Neither agree nor disagree

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#### Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

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

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

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#### Action areas intro Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

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

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#### Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

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#### Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

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#### Action Area: Improving industry compliance

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

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## Are there any other action areas you would like us to consider as part of advancing this Strategy?

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#### Other

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