

VOTING ON CIVIC ASSEMBLY PROPOSITIONS

First Poll: Session 1: Who Owns Natural Resources?

The most effective protection against loss of natural resources by this generation is to reinforce the concept of intergenerational ownership. Guyana must treat the sale of natural resources as inherited wealth belonging to our future generations:

- **YES**, we must ensure access to inherited natural resources by this generation, does not affect equal access of future generations to the same resources. **84%**
- **NO**, the priority purpose of Guyana's natural resources should be to serve the needs of the present generation **7%**
- **Unsure** **9%**

Second Poll: Session 2: Is extraction viable given the climate crisis?

Guyana is justified in exploiting its oil and gas reserves regardless of climate considerations.

- **YES** **53%**
- **NO** **16%**
- **UNCERTAIN** **31%**

Third Poll: Session 3: Who benefits from the extractive sectors?

Who should benefit from mining? We must save the entire mineral sale proceeds in the NRF for future generations.

- **YES**, we must save the entire sale proceeds for future generations - this is our duty. We only have a right to the income **44%**
- **NO**, we can spend a percentage of the sale proceeds. We have needs as well. **56%**

Fourth Poll: Session 4: Features of the Natural Resources Fund Act

First Question: The sections of the NRF Act relating to the civic Public Oversight & Accountability Committee needs to be amended with respect to the selection process and categories of members

- **Yes** **93%**
- **No** **7%**
- **Unsure** **0%**

Second Question: The sections of the NRF Act relating to the civic Public Oversight & Accountability Committee needs to be amended with respect to the powers to be exercised by the Committee.

- **Yes** **93%**
- **No** **0%**
- **Unsure** **7%**

Third Question: Which of the following describes your view on the power and role of the Minister of Finance in the NRF Act?

- The Minister's power and role are too great and should be revised **89%**
- The Minister's power and role are just fine **4%**
- The Minister's power and role need to be increased **0%**
- Don't know **7%**

Fourth Question: The management committees in the NRF Act should be populated by individuals with a variety of backgrounds and not only economists and investment experts.

- **Yes** **93 %**
- **No** **7%**
- **Unsure** **0%**

Fifth Poll: Session 5: Why is Transparency vital in the extractive sector?

First Question: In the interest of transparency, Extractive Industries must publicly and systematically disclose their contracts, licenses, company ownership, revenues, and the social, environmental and climate impacts of their operations. This information must be verified and available in simplified formats, widely publicised and communicated.

- **Agree** **97%**
- **Disagree** **3%**
- **Uncertain** **0%**

Second Question: The people of Guyana own the natural resources, and under the Constitution Guyanese are entitled to participate in decision-making processes: Consent by citizens, therefore, should be mandatory and prior to the setting up and operations of the extractive industries in our communities, on our lands and in our waters.

- **Agree** **91%**
- **Disagree** **6%**
- **Uncertain** **3%**

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