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I refer to your email of 10 August 2017 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

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On 16 February 2018, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) provided the final part of its response to you, which advised that the Ministry has received occasional oil and gas newsletters from Thompson & Clark Investigations Limited (TCIL). These newsletters were provided unsolicited to the Ministry and other recipients, and the content was predominantly sourced from content available on a range of publicly-accessible platforms, such as websites, Facebook and Twitter.

The Ministry withheld these newsletters in full from the final response to you, under various sections of the Act. The Ministry has now reassessed that decision, and the newsletters in scope of your request are attached.

Yours sincerely

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## Situation Report

### Oil and Gas Activism



**Date:** 31 October 2015

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# Investor Meeting Targeted for Protest

**30 October**

Activists from the issue motivated group Oil Free Otago in Dunedin held a mock funeral for the oil and gas industry, claiming the demise of the industry is looming. The mock funeral was however more in the way of a protest outside an investor meeting hosted by New Zealand Oil and Gas at Dunedin's Southern Cross Hotel.

A spokeswoman for the group claimed that "with (industry) vital signs so low, recovery really is out of the question. Fossil fuels are on the way out."

The protest mock funeral was marked by the protesters handing out spoof condolence cards to passers-by purporting to mourn the death of fossil fuels and singling out and mocking both New Zealand Oil and Gas's performance and share price (see photo below).

Aimed specifically at the investors inside the meeting, the condolence card facetiously claimed to express sympathy for the investors, who Oil Free Otago claimed were experiencing the first symptoms of grief over the industry's death because they were in "obvious denial" by attending the meeting.

A statement from the group's principal spokeswoman (an activist from Blueskin Bay) sarcastically said, "We want to support New Zealand Oil and Gas investors. They must be feeling pretty bad right now with their share price so low. But it's time for investors to face reality. The first stage of grief is always denial, so we are here to support them as they move to the next stage."

She went on to claim that, "Even Energy Minister Simon Bridges is calling for fossil fuel subsidies to be stopped; a realistic carbon price is just around the corner, and fossil fuel companies are fast losing their social licence to operate."

She added that, "Fossil fuels lost the race with renewables in 2013 when 143 gigawatts of renewable electricity capacity surpassed 141 gigawatts in fossil fuel-powered plants". By 2030 Bloomberg analysts, she said, predict there will be more than four times more renewable than fossil fuelled capacity, and by 2050 scientists warn that the world must have net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.

"New Zealand Oil and Gas investors should cut their losses and reinvest in a clean future," she added.

## In Memory of Fossil Fuels



Today we mourn the death of Fossil Fuels, who finally succumbed after a long battle with climate change science. New Zealand Oil and Gas valiantly struggled to keep Fossil Fuels alive, but alas, the awareness of climate justice spread too fast. Fossil Fuels is survived by Renewable Energy, who will take on Fossil Fuels' responsibilities in the community.

We'll remember Fossil Fuels for making our cars faster, our buildings taller, and helping us to buy more stuff. Fossil Fuels was crazy about nature and loved getting into rivers, oceans and out into fresh air. Whenever wild animals were around Fossil Fuels' responsibilities would be all over them, inseparable!

Fossil Fuels was so popular that countries would get jealous of each other and start violent wars just to see more of Fossil Fuels. Many of us became completely dependant on Fossil Fuels, but take heart, with loss comes opportunity. We will embrace a bright new future with renewable energy as we commit Fossil Fuels to the ground to forever remain in peace.

This funeral was conducted by Oil Free Otago.  
Please contact us if you experience any of the following:



- Denial of the death of Fossil Fuels (this is the first stage of grief)
- Feeling dependant and unable to leave your house or socialise without the company of Fossil Fuels
- Anger or frustration with those around you that are moving on with their lives
- Having difficulty adjusting to a happy life without Fossil Fuels

We are here to offer ongoing support in your time of need.  
[oilfreeotago@gmail.com](mailto:oilfreeotago@gmail.com)

### Special Thanks

To New Zealand Oil and Gas, who did everything in their power to keep Fossil Fuels active in the community until the very end, even when the vital signs looked beyond hope. Our heartfelt condolences. Kia Kaha.

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## Greenpeace Farewells Longstanding CEO

### 30 October

Greenpeace New Zealand said farewell to its longstanding Executive Director who has led the organisation for more than a decade, having worked her way up into the top appointment from her first job as a deckhand on board the original Rainbow Warrior in 1984.

She has not announced what her next challenge may be. Although she has said that she intends spending more time with her husband who runs a charter yacht and sailing school business based around the ice-strengthened yacht Tiama. This Bluff-based vessel has been involved in a number of protests against other vessels associated with the oil and gas industry, although it has to date always respected the non interference zone around a vessel or installation.

Greenpeace NZ's new Executive Director takes over the role in Auckland on 02 November, having left his previous position as a Green Party MP and former co-leader of the party. During the mid-1980s in his native Australia he was a member for several years of the Socialist Workers Party before moving into 'green' politics. Speaking of his time in socialist politics in Australia, he is reported as saying, "I learned a lot from my youthful involvement in socialist party politics - it taught me a great deal about the world of political power and ideas. But it's not where I am

now."



## Harbour Protest Targeted Reached

**29 October**

Oil Free Wellington says it has reached its fund raising target of \$4000 to cover the costs of its planned protest on Wellington Harbour on 13 December against the oil and gas industry. The group says it needs the money to hire kayaks which it will use on 13 December to practice blocking a section of Wellington Harbour in anticipation of protests against vessels working for the oil and gas industry using the port.

Oil Free Wellington says it has closed off its fund raising campaign on the online website 'Givealittle' after 64 people donated a total of \$4150.



**Oil Free Wellington**

58 mins · 🌐

Thanks so much generous people!! We have made our target! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/changeeverything>



**Givealittle - Cause - Change Everything Day of Climate Justice Action**

Oil Free Wellington is organising to achieve Wellington's largest ever on-water demonstration and we need your help to make this happen. Givealittle is the place...

GIVEALITTLE.CO.NZ

## Further Signs of a Militant Takeover

**29 October**

There were further signs this week that the anti-oil and gas issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington is being controlled by militant activists with a far left political agenda. In preceding months a small number of far left militant activists have increasingly acted as spokespeople for the group or led protest actions by the group.

In the latest indication, one of the group's members has now published a profile piece about the group on the website of the far left socialist political group 'Fightback' (which previously called itself the Marxist-Leninist Workers' Party of NZ). Oil Free Wellington is now also being promoted on Fightback's Facebook page as well.

The lengthy piece about Oil Free Wellington on the Fightback website covers its history from its foundation in 2012 to oppose Anadarko's exploration in parts of the Pegasus Basin, until the present day where it has widened its focus of protest to include other oil and gas companies, including Chevron, Shell, and Statoil.

The motivation in publishing the article appears to be to help drum up support for the group's scheduled blockade protest of Wellington Harbour on 13 December.

However, perhaps the clearest indication to date that Oil Free Wellington has increasingly fallen under the control of left wing militants, is the last paragraph in the article. This seems to reflect the group's new found left wing political rhetoric and which was written by a long standing member of the group and states, *"We're interested in forging new relationships and networks with others wanting to work towards climate justice with a critique of capitalism and false solutions, and in a way that empowers communities and builds resilience."*

Fightback is known to have an active branch on campus at Wellington's Victoria University. This has a history of aggressively clashing with campus authorities, resulting in some of its members being trespassed and expelled from the university for such actions as setting fire to the New Zealand flag inside university buildings during protests it has conducted there.

**Fightback**  
**Struggle, Solidarity, Socialism**

## Mayor Incurs Activists' Fury

29 October

Greenpeace NZ and like-minded issue motivated groups such as Oil Free Auckland and Stop Statoil Auckland are furious at what they see is a betrayal by Auckland's mayor by voting in support of the council endorsing the 2016 Block Offer this week. Greenpeace and others had apparently taken the mayor's previous public statements expressing reservations about offshore oil and gas exploration as an indication he would vote against the Block Offer. However at a full meeting of the council this week to consider its position on the 2016 Block Offer, the mayor appears to have taken many off guard by in fact voting with the majority of councillors in support of offshore exploratory. Eleven councillors (including the

mayor voted in favour of supporting the Block Offer, while nine opposed it. Before the vote, the council gave one of Greenpeace NZ's full-time climate campaigners five minutes to speak in opposition to the Block Offer. In the weeks leading up to the meeting, the council had also received over 15,000 emails from Greenpeace supporters asking it to oppose the Block Offer. This campaign was organised through Greenpeace NZ's online Toko petition website. In an angry post on its website immediately after the vote, Greenpeace NZ launched into criticism of the mayor, calling him a "cop out" and saying, "Essentially, he's backed deep sea oil drilling today by voting against an amendment that would have clearly stated that Auckland opposes deep sea oil drilling. It all came down to Brown, and Brown let us down."

Greenpeace has accused the mayor of going against the spirit of statements he has often made about the value of the oceans, harbours, and beaches. It claims the mayor 'has failed our oceans, our coastlines, our climate and the people of Auckland.'

But at the meeting, the mayor said taking a symbolic stand against the issue would do no good for the council's relationship with the Central Government. About 50 Greenpeace supporters attended the meeting to hear the vote and remained orderly despite their disappointment. Some also protested outside.

**LEN BROWN  
LET US DOWN**

The sea - our harbours, beaches and islands. The land - our maunga, forests, streams and parks. These are the places Aucklanders hold in their hearts, the reason they love this city. As Auckland Council, it is our responsibility to protect these places and take especially good care of them for future generations.

- Mayor Len Brown

**Will Len stand by his words and say NO to deep sea oil drilling?** **NO!**

#blocktheoffer



## Auckland Block Offer Protest

29 October

The photo below shows Greenpeace activists protesting outside the meeting of the Auckland Council this week before the vote on the 2016 Block Offer. Some in the photograph are in factor full-time employees of the organisation.

This includes one woman (far right) who is the new head of Greenpeace NZ's Direct Action Team, who is a highly experienced climber who in 2008 was part of a Greenpeace UK climbing team who successfully used climate change as a lawful defence against prosecution for causing £30,000 worth of criminal damage to the Kingsnorth coal-fired power station in Kent.

Her appointment earlier this year to head up Greenpeace NZ's Direct Action Team fills a vacancy that has been empty for almost year. As Head of Direct Actions, she has at her disposal two trained teams of experienced climbers and boat crews - all of which are volunteers apart from a full time climbing instructor and a full time boating instructor/quartermaster.



## Dunedin Activists Frustrated With Council

28 October

A Dunedin anti-oil and gas activist has blogged (complete with cartoon, see below) of her frustration this week of trying to convince the Dunedin City Council to

oppose the 2016 Block Offer. After addressing the council with a colleague from the group, she described the experience as "like travelling back in time 150 years" and dealing with a "cult".

She criticizes the fact the council meeting opened with a prayer, made the activists feel like they were prisoners in a dock, and provides her assessment of the council as being a "bastion of conventional thinking which is clinging to wishful fantasies of economic prosperity from a resource that the world is turning its back on".

She also complained of the activists only being allocated 10 minutes to state their argument, saying "Ten minutes is not a lot of time when you need to cover the deconstruction of democracy; the huge risks posed by deep sea drilling to marine life; our laughably inadequate 'oil spill response plan'; the emotional and psychological impacts of an oil spill; the importance of our oceans for our cultural identity; and the climate justice implications of oil and gas exploration."

She goes on to say that, "Throughout the talk I could not help feeling like we were medieval peasants bringing our grievances to the lords of the land," with some councillors making "little attempt to conceal (their) disdain. When the questions began firing at us, I realised that the attitudes of certain councillors were as out-dated as the surrounding décor."

She described some councillors as having a "belligerent refusal to connect the dots -it's easy to defend oil and gas exploration if the major moral imperative not to extract fossil fuels is deemed irrelevant to the conversation".

She claims during the group's presentation, "Every attempt was made by a few councillors to derail, distract, and discredit the conversation". She says the council has agreed to rework its submission to reflect the public feedback it has received, as per their responsibility, but it appears the council are not taking an opposing stance like Oil Free Otago had hoped.

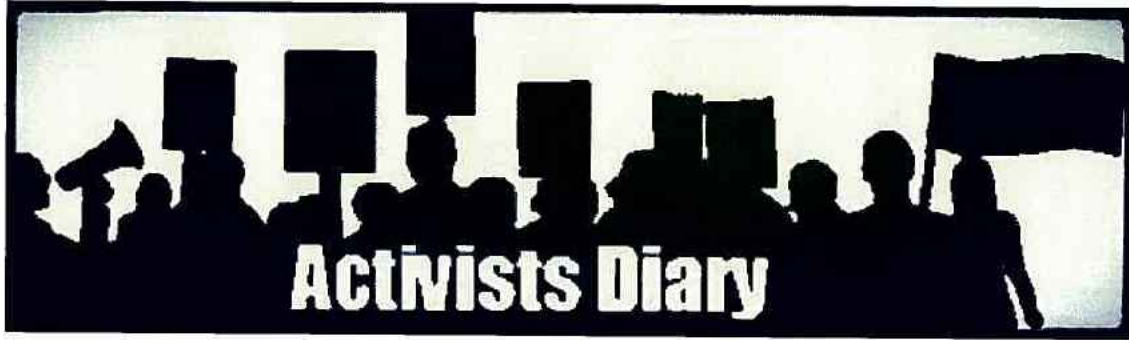


## Oil Free Gisborne

27 October

A new east coast issue motivated group calling itself Oil free Tairāwhiti (Gisborne) has called on supporters to upload a short video clip to its Facebook page holding a sign saying #oilfreeTairāwhiti and stating on it why "you think we should be an oil free Tairāwhiti and keep deep sea drilling out of our region". So far, however, only seven people have responded to this request.





The following events have been organised by activists and issue-motivated groups around New Zealand:

### **01 November: Maui and Hector Dolphins Event**

Launch of the 'ByCatch of the Day' Campaign in Auckland by the issue motivated group Dolphin Defenders to raise public awareness about the by-catch of dolphins in fishing nets and to ask the Government to fulfill its stated goals of 100 percent observer coverage in the Maui dolphins' west coast North Island core habitat. This event is being held at the pedestrian over-bridge near Onehunga Port, because the port is the departure point of significant West Coast fishing effort. The group organising the protest have not specifically made reference to the oil and gas industry in terms of this campaign.

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# Māui & Hector's Dolphin ByCatch of the Day

## Campaign Launch

2pm Sunday 1 Nov 2015  
Pedestrian Overbridge,  
Onehunga Harbour Road

Bring a painted dolphin  
Spot prizes and entertainment

Come learn, share and be a part of helping our dolphins!



<http://nzdolphins.wix.com/nzdolphins>

## 13-27 November: Environmental Film Festival

The 'Reel Earth' Film Festival is again being held this year at the Globe Theatre, Main Street, Palmerston North, between 13-27 November. This annual competitive film festival and symposium has been held in Palmerston North since 2005. For more information, including the programme, see here: <http://reeearth.org.nz/>



## 16 November: Wellington Protest Fund Raiser

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington (OFW) is holding a fundraising exhibition at Thistle Hall in the Capital from 16 -22 November to raise funds for what it is promising as a 'summer campaign of protest' against the oil and gas industry. OFW says it is calling for submissions from its supporters for an exhibition called 'Rising Tide' that focus on one or more of the following themes:

- Creative expressions of what climate change is doing to our world
- Creative interpretations of what climate justice means and looks like
- Creative resistance to fossil fuel extraction and use
- Alternative models that provide solutions to climate change

OFW says it will be running a silent auction on all the works displayed during the exhibition week.

# RISING TIDE

OIL FREE WELLINGTON FUNDRAISING EXHIBITION

16 - 22 November 2015, Thistle Hall, Wellington



## CALL FOR ARTWORKS

**art.oilfree.nz**

for more info and to submit your art

### 28 November: People's Climate March

A series of protest marches in many of the main centres has been organised on 28 November as part of an international protest scheduled the weekend before the Paris Climate Talks. Marches are being held in Auckland, Palmerston North, Blenheim, Motueka, Christchurch, Nelson, Wanaka, Whanganui, and Wellington on 28 November, and on 29 November in Lower Hutt, Godley Head, and Dunedin. So far over 2800 people have pledged to support the New Zealand marches.

Ten organisations have also signed up to support the march, including the Unite trade union, the Coal Action Network Aotearoa, Oxfam, Forest and Bird, the PSA, the First trade union, and the World Wildlife Fund.

The New Zealand organiser of this event is a former campaign manager for the Green Party who now works for the Sustainable Electricity Association of New Zealand as a communications officer and has played a significant past role in organising protests against coal mining companies Bathurst Resources and Solid Energy NZ.

See: [www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/events](http://www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/events)



### 30 November: Activist Training

The annual 'Step it Up' activist training event is being held at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) this year, 30 November - 02 December at the university's city campus. It is expected to involve up to 300 activists who will be given opportunities to upskill their abilities from instruction given to them by a team of 10 veteran activists with a range of skills from successful animal rights activism to climate change campaigns.

Participants will be charged anything from \$275 - \$70 depending on their economic status. 'Step it Up' is run by The Centre for NZ Progress which says it exists to "to support those individuals and organisations working to bridge the gap between the world that we live in right now, and the more just, fair and environmentally sustainable world we want to live in". The Centre says it aims to achieve this by providing community organisations with access to international best practice in running public facing campaigns.





## 13 December: Wellington Harbour Blockade

The Wellington-based issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington has planned a day of action in the Capital for what it hopes will be the largest on-the-water protest and practice blockade seen in New Zealand todate.

The group says the protest is its response of "non-violent direct action and resistance" to the operations of oil and gas companies holding exploration permits off the coast of Wellington and the rest of New Zealand.

The group plans to use kayaks and other small craft to practice blocking the harbour in readiness for real protest if vessels working for the oil and gas industry visit the port over the coming summer. Oil Free Wellington says it has arranged to provide kayaks or paddleboards to anyone who wants to participate as part of the group's 'Ready Reaction Team' on the day, but does not have access to one.

Oil Free Wellington says that in addition to the practice blockade, it is organising a day of "discussion and sharing aimed at envisaging solutions to climate change that work" on 12 December, the day before the practice blockade. The practice blockade itself will commence at noon at 13 December on the Wellington waterfront.



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Security Assessment	Threat Level & Colour Code	Required Response
1. Protest Action is unlikely.	<b>LOW</b> (Green)	<b>Normal</b> Routine Protective Security measures are applied appropriate to the individual & current circumstances.
2. Protest Action is possible.	<b>MODERATE</b> (Blue)	
3. Obstructive & Direct Action protest is feasible and may occur.	<b>ELEVATED</b> (Yellow)	<b>Heightened</b> Additional and sustainable Protective Security measures reflecting the broad nature of the threat combined with specific business & geographical vulnerabilities & judgements on acceptable risk.
4. Obstructive and illegal Direct Action protest is very likely to occur.	<b>HIGH</b> (Orange)	
5. Illegal or obstructive Direct Action protest to sabotage operations is imminent.	<b>SEVERE</b> (Red)	<b>Exceptional</b> Maximum Protective Security measures required to minimise vulnerabilities & risk.

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# Activists Have Got the Council's 'Ear'

**07 November**

Fresh from making a submission opposing the 2016 Block Offer, the Christchurch City Council now says it is listening to advice from issue motivated groups Oil Free Otautahi and 350 Christchurch on how it can further contribute towards battling climate change.

The chairman of the council's infrastructure, transport and environment committee says he is "excited" by the argument made to the council by 350 Christchurch asking it to aim to become carbon neutral. After hearing from the group, the committee has now directed council staff to provide it with more information about how a carbon neutral target could align with other work the council is doing, such as its energy action plan.

Commenting on the direction, the committee's chairman said, "I remember as a school student the days when Christchurch became nuclear weapon free. I think this is an equally important issue."

A spokesman representing both 350 Christchurch and Oil Free Otautahi told the committee this week that said the council had taken positive steps to make Christchurch a sustainable city but it should go further and aim to be carbon neutral. It should also seek to join the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and use their research and data to develop a carbon neutral plan, he said.

"By setting goals and timelines now, Christchurch can start slowly but progressively towards future-proofing our city. By using research and examples and successes of other C40 cities costs will be minimised and directed towards concrete results instead of consultants or a significant increase in staff time," he said. The committee agreed.



## Greenpeace Alarmist Over Dolphins

06 November

Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) has continued to make alarmist statements over what it claims are threats posed by the oil and gas industry to the critically endangered Maui's dolphins. Posting yesterday to its 139,000 supporters of its Facebook page, GPNZ claimed the last remaining 50 or so Maui's dolphins were "under threat from planned deep sea drilling and seismic testing".



**Greenpeace New Zealand**

Yesterday at 7:45am Edited

NZ's critically endangered Maui's dolphin is under threat from fishing but now also from planned deep sea oil drilling and seismic testing. Sign the petition: <http://bit.ly/20xGZnl>



### Oil impaired dolphins' ability to deliver healthy calves

Like other dolphins exposed to oil from beneath the Deepwater Horizon, she was ill, but she was supposed to be one of the lucky ones.

## Activist Accuse Rig of offshore 'Fracking'

05 November

One of the administrators of the Facebook page belonging to the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has claimed the mobilisation of the jack-up rig ENSCO107 to the Pohokura Platform B this week is so fracking of wells off the coast north of Waitara can be undertaken by Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS).

Posting a copy of a Taranaki Daily News article on 05 November about the rig's

departure from Port Taranaki, she commented, "Shell wells off the coast north of Waitara about to get fracked".

When one of the members of her own group attempted to correct her and say the rig was only being used in a non-drilling maintenance role at the platform, the activist responded that she did not believe this was true "one iota when one of the worlds biggest fracking companies Baker Hughes (about to be bought by Halliburton) is involved with the Pohokura maintenance."

If nothing, the comment indicates by its choice of language the antipathy and mistrust of the oil and gas industry some activists harbour; preferring to chose a sinister motive over the more obvious.

The choice of the 'S' sign and the capital 'H' is a common derogatory way many domestic activists chose to spell Shell's name.

Shell wells off the coast north of Waitara about to get fracked...



### EnSCO 107 leaves port

The EnSCO-107 jack-up rig has left Port Taranaki.

## New Waikato IMG Formed

### 03 November

A new issue motivated group has been formed in the Waikato to campaign against climate change. Called Waikato Climate Action (WCA) the group's founders say the group's aims are to assist the community engage with climate change issues and put pressure on the government to set realistic emissions targets.

The group has been formed by existing members of the Waikato Environment Centre, Anglican Action, and the Hamilton branch of the Green Party. The group says it has been deliberately formed ahead of the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference - COP21, to be held in Paris beginning on 30 November. The day before, 29 November, the group says it will lead the Waikato People's Climate March from Garden Place to Memorial Park in an effort to send a message to central government about reducing carbon emissions. Ahead of that, a Waikato Wintec talk titled 'The Greatest Climate Show on Earth' will take place on November 10 and bring together experts on the issue.



## Activists Sell Anti-Oil Argument to Council

**02 November**

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington says it is pleased to see the Wellington City Council is "listening to the many people concerned about deep sea oil and is urging the Government to do more about climate change".

In a statement addressed to the council, the group claimed that "hundreds of people" have urged the council to use its power to make a submission to NZ Petroleum and Minerals opposing the "expansion of the oil industry" through the government's 2016 Block Offer. The public, says the group, are excluded from this process.

Last week, the cCouncil passed and delivered its submission, and while Oil Free Wellington says there are some "very strong messages in the submission", it claims

however that it does not go far enough. Despite all the reservations the council made in its submission, Oil Free Wellington says it is "very disappointed" the council did not oppose deep sea oil outright.

Quoting the examples of the Christchurch City Council and the Kaikoura District Council which have opposed the Block Offer, Oil Free Wellington said it urges the Wellington City Council to use future opportunities to send a strong message to central government that "expanding the fossil fuel industry for short term economic gains is not acceptable".

Commenting on what it saw as the positive aspects of the council's submission, Oil Free Wellington said the council "made it clear that there is a real public concern about the deep sea oil and the government need to engage in full, formal public consultation."

"They also acknowledge the catastrophic effect any spill would have on the local community and environment". Oil Free Wellington said the council's submission states oil and gas exploration should not proceed unless it is clear that this activity will not result in adverse environmental impacts.

"Wellington City Council also state we need to take the urgent issue of climate change into account and transition away from fossil fuels. They urge the government to research the effect of any expansion of the petroleum industry on climate change and that they should be doing more to transition to an economy which isn't reliant on fossil fuels."



## New Greenpeace Boss Keen to Protest



## 01 November

In one of his first interviews since taking over as head of Greenpeace New Zealand, the organisation's new Executive Directors says he is keen to see protest directed against the oil and gas industry and to be personally involved in this himself.

Speaking on TVNZ's 'Q+A' programme, he said "Direct Action is really important...and as Executive Director, I'll be part of that as well."

Reiterating Greenpeace NZ's commitment to Direct Action protest, he said, "... (it's) about making a statement about something that's important. It's about impeding something that's bad, but it's also about promoting a message about how we can live sustainably on the planet".

In terms of upcoming protest action, he is quoted on the programme as saying, "We'll keep it close to our chest for the moment, but we're in the middle of the planning process, so we're doing the tuna campaign internationally, and we're doing stuff around deep-sea oil drilling."

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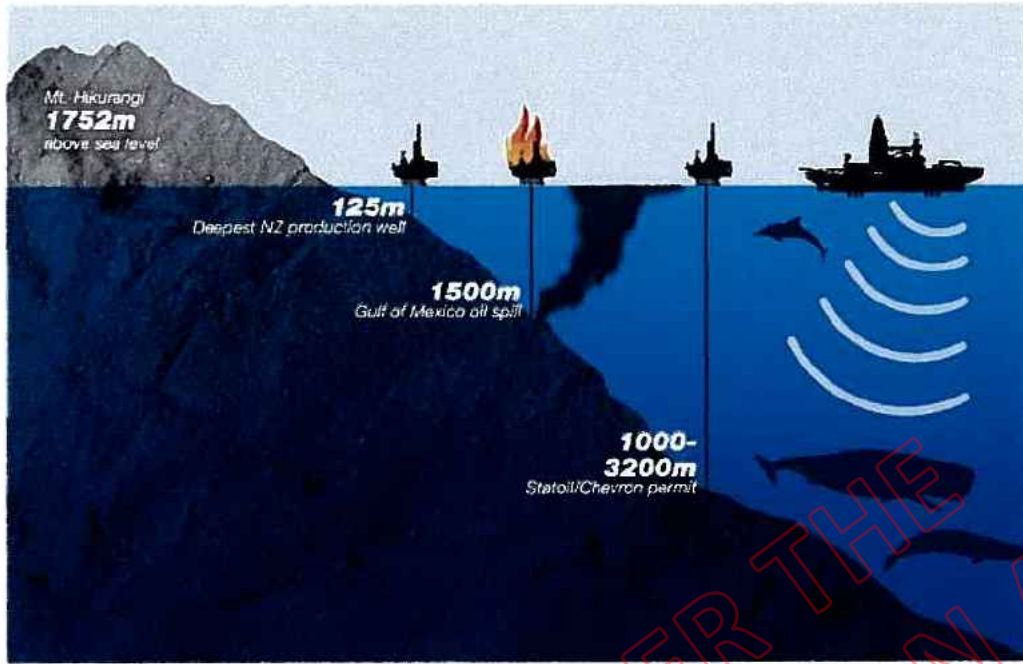
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## **East Coast Drilling Analogy**

**01 November**

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# Law Student Sues Govt Over Emissions

**13 November**

A Waikato University law graduate who has just completed her law degree is suing the Climate Minister with the aid of an Auckland law firm and a doctors' issue motivated group. The student is seeking a High Court judicial review, claiming the Minister has failed in his ministerial duties by setting what she believes to be an inadequate emissions reduction target.

The law student, who hopes the case will result in a review of the emissions reduction targets, filed judicial review proceedings against the minister this week in the High Court in Wellington. She is being supported by Auckland firm LeeSalmonLong which is acting pro bono. The medical doctors' climate group, OraTaiao (NZ Climate and Health Council) is also backing the student.

"I believe that we have very legitimate grounds on which to bring the case and I hope that though it we can get a review of the targets decision," the Hamilton-based student is reported as having told the NZ Herald.

She is challenging two decisions. The first is what she feels to be an inadequate emissions reduction target set by the government this year, to be taken to the UN climate negotiations in Paris next month. The second is the alleged failure of the government to review the targets post the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report which was released in 2013.

"All the world's scientists agree that climate change is real, that humans are causing it, and that urgent action is needed, but I can't see our Government taking it seriously," the student said in a released statement.

"The science shows that New Zealand's emissions targets aren't good enough to avoid dangerous climate change. Scientists agree that the reductions are too small and will take too long."

She said that New Zealand's proposed target has been "widely criticised" by environmentalists for being weaker than previous targets and that she would like to see the government take climate change seriously.

"I'm concerned about climate change and what it will mean for me and my children in the future," she added. "Like many New Zealanders, I look forward to the experience of having a family of my own. I want to bring my children up in a safe world, where they can live without fear and enjoy all of the amazing natural wonders that our planet has to offer."

The national convener of OraTaiao says his group is supporting the student's case because New Zealand's target is much lower than what scientists say is needed

from countries to avoid dangerous levels of climate change that will be catastrophic to human health.

The case however has reportedly been dismissed as a joke by the Prime Minister. However, as the application has been properly filed and served, the minister is expected to file a statement of defence in the next few weeks.

The Minister has however, already been found wanting once already by the High Court this year when in his capacity as Trade Minister the Court found that he had acted unlawfully in the way he had rejected requests for information from a professor of law at the Auckland University Law School about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade negotiations.



## East Coast Oil and Gas Debate

**13 November**

Maori Television has reported on a debate earlier this month between Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner and a scientist from GNS which was hosted in the Hawkes Bay by Ngati Kahungunu.

The Greenpeace campaigner (who spent about a week in Hawkes Bay recently organising opposition to exploration for oil and gas) claims that the oil and gas industry will not deliver employment for Maori. It was "lies", he said, to imply that oil and gas companies exploring in New Zealand will provide employment

opportunities for Maori. "Yes, I hear all the politicians going on about the employment it will create, but from what I understand, there won't be any jobs. My response to those politicians is, don't lie to us (Māori) about the employment we'll get from these corporations," he said.

But the GNS Scientists says New Zealand should take responsibility for using its own resources rather than relying on the rest of the world. He said, "New Zealand needs to take responsibility for the resources it uses and so we have local oil and gas to explore for and to use locally we should take that responsibility rather than relying on other places in the world to provide us with that resource."

The Maori Television report can be viewed here: <http://tinyurl.com/nvtpxjr>



## Over 5,400 Sign Up for Climate Protest

### 12 November

Over 5,400 New Zealanders say they have made a promise to march against climate change on 28 or 29 November. The online campaign site Peoples Climate March New Zealand 2015 has now recorded in excess of 5425 people who have pledged to march to "demand action on climate change".

The marches, which will be held in regional centres across New Zealand (see further item below) are part of a worldwide series of protests being held prior to the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Talks in Paris 30 November -11 December. More than 30 organisations and issue motivated groups across New Zealand are supporting the marches which will be held in 29 different regional centres. The groups involved range from hardline socialist militants from Socialist Aotearoa to groups such as the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).



## Greens Protest EPA Selection Process

**12 November**

The Green Party this week accused the Government of having an agenda of politicising environmental decision making.

The party says the Environment Minister should not be given the power to appoint Environment Protection Agency (EPA) decision-makers who decide applications for seabed mining and oil and gas offshore operations in New Zealand's waters.

The Greens have quoted claims made by Greenpeace NZ that the Minister is seeking to change the law to give himself the power to personally choose who will sit on the EPA's decision-making committees for marine consent applications, responsible for deciding if companies can prospect for oil and mine in New Zealand's oceans. This move would see an end to experts being independently appointment by the EPA, say the Greens.

"This would be a major law change as the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 highlights that the Minister has no role in the EPA's decisions on marine consent applications, the Green Party environment spokesperson said.

"Kiwis want to trust that any development activities in our oceans are rigorously and independently tested, and reviewed by objective experts. They want applications decided by an independent EPA, not by cheerleaders for oil and seabed mining, working under the Minister's thumb, she said.

"The Minister is continuing a worrying trend of this National Government by removing independent and democratic oversight of environmental management and decision-making. Whenever agencies make decisions that don't fit National's short term agenda of sacrificing the environment for economic development, the Minister increases his power at the agency's expense.

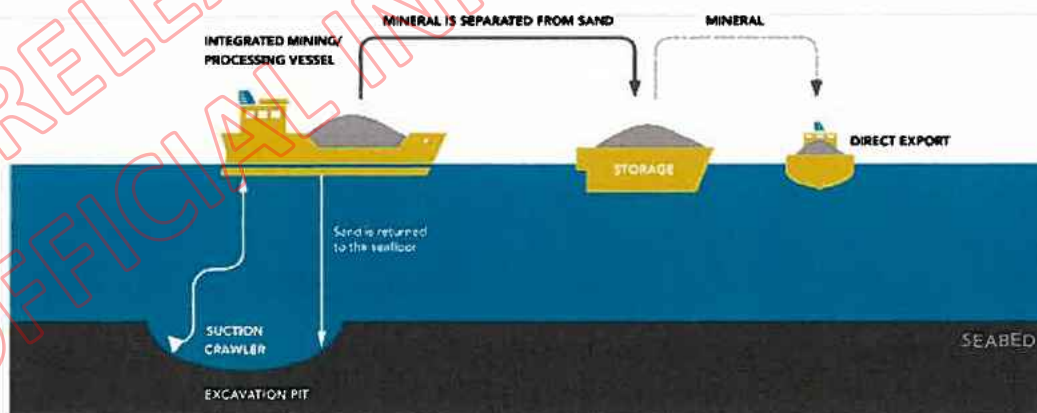
“The Minister and National have already axed elected councillors in Canterbury and replaced them with hand-picked commissioners to influence water management in the region. They’ve side-lined the Environment Court in Auckland and Canterbury by disallowing appeals to it on urban and district planning. Now the Minister wants to have the EPA under his thumb by hand-picking decision makers for activities in the Exclusive Economic Zone.

“Recent decisions by the EPA to refuse applications for seabed mining within New Zealand’s Exclusive Economic Zone were sensible decisions based on a rigorous assessment of evidence. The problem does not lie with the EPA panels but with proposals, that were short on important information, and expected to cause significant and permanent damage to the seabed, marine life and ecosystems,” she concluded.

### Greenpeace Claims

On 11 November, Greenpeace NZ’s new Executive Director claimed to the news media that, “a dirty back door deal” had been done between “big business and the Government to sideline the Environmental Protection Agency” and strip it of some of its powers after the EPA recently declined two seabed mining applications.

“Ever since the EPA declined those mining applications, lobbying efforts from the industry went into overdrive. Now the Government is putting the profit of this polluting industry over the interests of most New Zealanders who want to protect our beaches and oceans,” he claimed.



## Greenpeace Magazine Published

11 November

Greenpeace New Zealand has published the Spring edition of its online magazine 'Kakariki'.



The spring edition is the first to carry an editorial from Greenpeace NZ's new Executive Director, in which he says the organisation's parent body (Greenpeace International) has been "reorienting itself" to become more of a catalyst organisation empowering others, while still taking direct action itself.

The magazine can be read here: <http://tinyurl.com/pdpbndb>



## Activists Monitor Tankers

09 November

The Taranaki issue motivated group Te Uru Pounamu published a photograph of the movement of TAG branded tankers on its Facebook page (see below). This same issue motivated group has previously conducted noisy and abusive protest outside TAG's head offices in New Plymouth.



**Te Uru Pounamu**

November 9 at 9:36pm

**TAG's tankers .. Symons transport .. frequent travelers through Whanganui to and fro Taranaki-Dannevirke**



## Activists Monitor Survey Ship

**08 November**

Activists associated with the issue motivated group Stop the Drilling on the East Coast appear to have put the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa on their watch list and are monitoring it through the free subscriber website MarineTraffic.com.

This image was posted on the group's Facebook page this week with the comments, "NZ taxpayers fund the gathering of information on behalf of drillers...The NIWA vessel RV Tangaroa is currently surveying off the Wairarapa coast, not due back in port until 25 November...It appears our tax dollars are being spent on behalf of Chevron and Statoil whose Exploration Permit 57085 (outlined in red) is where RV Tangaroa is currently working..."

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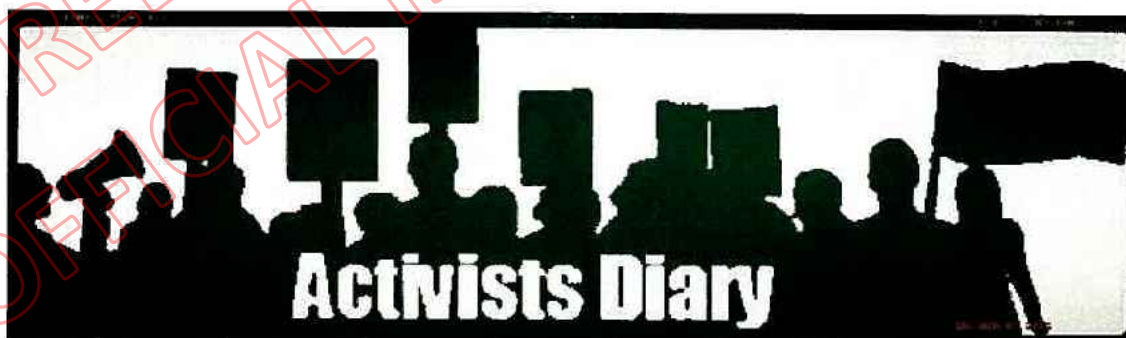
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## IMGs Celebrates Gisborne Rejection

20 November

Issue motivated groups around the country (most notably Greenpeace) have celebrated the rejection of the Government's 2016 Block Offer by the Gisborne District Council.

A full meeting of the council this week endorsed the recommendation from its Environmental Planning and Regulations Committee that it oppose the 2016 Block Offer. The decision reflects the one already taken by the Christchurch City and Kaikoura District Councils. The vote, however, was hardly unanimous, with the council voting 9-5 to support the committee's submission to Government opposing the 2016 Block Offer. One of those voting to oppose the 2016 Block Offer was the district's mayor.

In celebrating the decision, Greenpeace New Zealand released a short statement that inaccurately said, "*After a strong campaign over the past few months, this morning the Gisborne District Council voted to #BlockTheOffer and oppose oil exploration off their coast - NO councils have supported the governments oil exploration plans. Keep up the brilliant work.*"

Greenpeace's statement appears to ignore the fact that on 29 October, the Auckland Council voted 12-8 to support the 2016 Block Offer involving areas off Auckland's west coast.

Commenting on the Gisborne District Council's decision, the Gisborne Herald tried to point out that while opponents to exploration off the East Coast had a strong local voice, polling by the newspaper actually suggested they were in a minority.

In an article published on 20 November, the newspaper said, "*Herald web polls indicate, however, that there is majority support for oil and gas exploration here.*"

*One last month on this submission opposing the block offer saw 422 votes, with 141 or 33 percent agreeing with the move and 275 or 65 percent saying it should not be sent. This exactly mirrors the 65 percent of 156 voters who welcomed "careful exploration" and 33 percent opposed in a 2012 poll.*"

The newspaper offered its own solution to countering local opposition by suggesting that introducing a local share to oil and gas royalties would make the case in prospective areas that much stronger as recompense for what the newspaper says is a small but undeniable risk.



## Organisers Hoping for Massive Protest

**19 November**

Greenpeace New Zealand says it is hoping this month's series of climate protest marches around the country in support of the upcoming Paris climate talks will be the biggest New Zealand has ever seen. Greenpeace is one of 32 separate groups promoting the marches on 28 and 29 November in 26 regional centres.

In a release promoting the 'People's Climate March', Greenpeace NZ claimed, "*in New Zealand, communities are successfully halting dirty energy projects and shaking the foundations of the fossil fuel industry to its core.*"

The statement went onto say, "*The good news is the momentum for clean energy is huge and the fossil fuel industry is failing. Obama has killed the Keystone Pipeline, Shell has been forced out of the Arctic and here in New Zealand the Government's deep sea drilling programme is failing. All because of people power.*"

The primary aim of the marches is to call on the Government to make a significant contribution to the United Nations Paris Climate Talks at the end of the month and to increase the level it is prepared to set emission targets. The New Zealand marches are part of a global campaign to hold similar marches in as many places as

possible prior to the Paris Climate Talks, which appear will still go ahead despite the recent terrorist attacks in that city and although the Paris Police have ordered the climate march in that city to be cancelled for safety reasons.

The largest New Zealand march is expected to be in Auckland, and will finish with a mass haka on Queen Street. According to the organisers this will be filmed and distributed globally with the intention of sending an inspirational challenge to politicians and other people marching around the globe.

The principal organiser of the New Zealand marches is a former Green Party campaign manager who now works as the Communication Manager for the Sustainable Electricity Association NZ (SEANZ) in Auckland.

For more detail, see: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qvseaj9\\_KU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qvseaj9_KU)



## Insight into Greenpeace Training

**18 November**

Greenpeace International has given an insight into how it trains its Direct Action protesters in a blog post reporting on an onboard training session the crew of the Rainbow Warrior III recently conducted in Taiwan.

While Greenpeace's three campaign ships are primarily used for campaigns and protests, they are also used while on tour to deliver Direct Action training to local Greenpeace activists. This is something, for example, the Rainbow Warrior III has previously conducted while in New Zealand waters. Participants appear to be always limited to about 12 on the Rainbow Warrior for accommodation and catering purposes.

In the recent training conducted at the port of Keelung in Taiwan, Greenpeace

posted a blog of the role play scenarios it uses to train its activists.

For this training, it says it selected a dozen Taiwanese activists, who were already seasoned Greenpeace activists on land, for a week of intensive training involving maritime, security, legal, communications, and action training. In addition to conventional training techniques, Greenpeace says it relies heavily on role plays.

Greenpeace says it takes actual events from 40 years of campaigning at sea, concentrates them into several action scenarios, and turns the ship into a stage for role plays. The trainees write a ship's proposal. They create action plans. They wrestle with how to engage more people, throw a moral brighter spotlight, and "create the kind of visible moment that starts a conversation about how to build a better world. Then they take to the water, and make it happen".

Greenpeace says about the training, "There will be fear. There will be frayed nerves. There will be fights and tears and the kind of camaraderie you can only know when you and every one on board puts their life into one another's hands".

Included in all the scenarios is reliance on getting a celebrity figure to take part in the protest in order to attract greater media attention. This is of course something that Greenpeace has done here.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/qx9cmb9>

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## Commentary on Arctic Exploration

18 November

Oil Free Wellington and Greenpeace New Zealand both promoted news that Statoil was ceasing its Arctic exploration activities as a form of victory; linking the

announcement with Statoil's operations here.

Greenpeace NZ said, "That's right...ANOTHER VICTORY for the Arctic! Once again proving that Arctic oil is NOT worth the risk - now let's make sure that Statoil know they aren't welcome to drill in the deep seas of New Zealand either."



## Long Running Protest Case Finally Ends

**17 November**

The long running criminal prosecution of an East Coast fisherman who blocked the path of a seismic survey vessel over four years ago, has finally come to an end with an unexpected guilty plea, resulting in him receiving a short sentence of 60 hours community service.

The case has been argued all the way to the Supreme Court and resulted in new legal precedents being set for the jurisdiction of the New Zealand Police at sea. The case has even contributed significantly to a law change being introduced by Parliament in October 2013 to the Maritime Transport Act 1994 in order to remove any doubt. The fisherman's protest actions were also one of the reasons why Parliament introduced the Crown Minerals Amendment Act 2013 dealing with conduct interfering with structures or ships engaged in mining activity in the territorial sea; in the exclusive economic zone; or above the continental shelf.

In sentencing the skipper of the Te Whanau a Apanui fishing boat San Pietro for his actions in blocking the Petrobras-chartered survey vessel Orient Explorer, District Court Judge Patrick Treston said he accepted the man's actions stemmed from legitimate concerns and it was unfortunate that he had taken things "a little too far". The judge said he also accept there was no danger to any person on either

vessel by the man's actions. Judge Treston agreed with a concession by the police that there was no need to punish the man further by suspending his commercial skipper's licence.

The police said they had come to this conclusion themselves after the 49-year-old man had finally accepted that his actions amounted to a crime; had written a letter of apology to the master of the Orient Explorer; and provided numerous good character references. Apart from this one act, both the judge and the police agreed he was of otherwise good character.

Judge Treston had originally dismissed the charges against the man in July 2012, saying he did not believe the New Zealand Police had any jurisdiction outside NZ's territorial waters. That was an opinion however that the High Court, Court of Appeal, and finally the Supreme Court disagreed with when the police successfully appealed the discharge and the case was sent back to Judge Treston to retry. The case had been set down for a eight-day defended hearing starting on 30 November. However, the man changed his plea last week, pleading guilty instead in the Tauranga District Court to one charge each of breaching section 65(1)(a) of the Maritime Transport Act and resisting arrest under section s 23(a) of the Summary Offences Act 1981.

The Court heard that after breaching the Orient Explorer's exclusion zone, the man sailed the San Pietro into the path of the survey ship and deployed buoys and two tuna fishing hand-lines into the water in front of it.

The man and his crew then repeatedly ignored police demands to leave the exclusion zone. He gave police the 'fingers' and yelled abuse at officers. After five unheeded warnings, police special operations officers boarded the boat but the man refused to relinquish control. He had to be forcibly removed from the fishing boat and he initially struggled violently with police when they attempted to arrest him and had to be forcibly restrained.

Along the way of the long court proceedings, the man has become something of a hero to the domestic anti-oil and gas protest movement and been a popular speaker at protest events. Greenpeace New Zealand has paid a special tribute to the man, describing his actions as a peaceful act of defiance against deep sea oil drilling. It said in a special announcement commenting on his conviction, "*We think his protest to stop deep sea drilling was already a service to the community then and now*".



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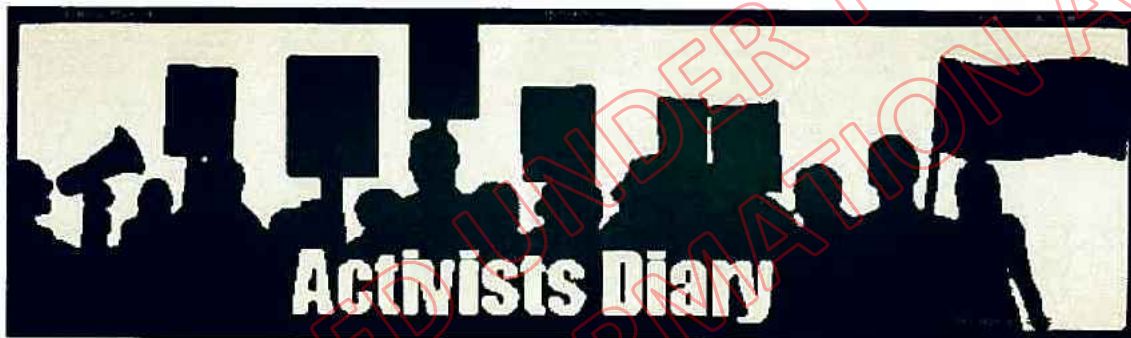
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## **Council Invites Activist to Make His Case**

**16 November**

The leader of the Northland issue motivated group Stop Statoil Te Hiku has told supporters that he has been invited to a closed session of the Northland Regional Council on 23 November, where he has been asked to present as case arguing why the council should oppose exploration for oil and gas in the Reinga Basin.

He says the council dismissed a "small complaint" objecting to his presentation, and has claimed the invitation came about apparently as a result of written and oral submissions he`made to the council earlier this year which were "compelling" and the council would like to learn more.



The following upcoming events have been organised by activists and issue-motivated groups around New Zealand:

### **13-27 November: Palmerston North Event**

The 'Reel Earth' Film Festival is again being held this year at the Globe Theatre, Main Street, Palmerston North, between 13-27 November. This annual competitive film festival and symposium has been held in Palmerston North since 2005. For more information, including the programme, see:

<http://reelearth.org.nz/>



## 28-29 November: People's Climate March

A series of protest marches in many of the main centres has been organised on 28 November as part of an international protest scheduled the weekend before the Paris Climate Talks. Marches are being held in about 30 regional centres across the country on 28 and 29 November. So far over 5,400 people have pledged to support the New Zealand marches.

To date, 32 different organisations and issue motivated groups have signed up to support the march, including Greenpeace, the Unite trade union, the Coal Action Network Aotearoa, the First Union, Oxfam, Forest and Bird, the PSA, the First trade union, and the World Wildlife Fund.

The New Zealand organiser of this event is a former campaign manager for the Green Party who now works for the Sustainable Electricity Association of New Zealand as a communications officer and has played a significant past role in organising protests against coal mining companies Bathurst Resources and Solid Energy NZ. See: [www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/events](http://www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/events)



### **30 November: Auckland Activist Training**

The annual 'Step it Up' activist training event is being held at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) this year, 30 November - 02 December at the university's city campus. It is expected to involve up to 300 activists who will be given opportunities to upskill their abilities from instruction given to them by a team of 10 veteran activists with a range of skills from successful animal rights activism to climate change campaigns.

Participants will be charged anything from \$275 - \$70 depending on their economic status. 'Step it Up' is run by the The Centre for NZ Progress which says it exists to "to support those individuals and organisations working to bridge the gap between the world that we live in right now, and the more just, fair and environmentally sustainable world we want to live in". The Centre says it aims to achieve this by providing community organisations with access to international best practice in running public facing campaigns.

See: <http://stepitup.org.nz/>



## 12 December: Auckland Protest Training

The issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa has organised a half day of activist training in Auckland on 12 December. Combined with a picnic, the event is being held in Albert Park and will include a session of training in Non Violent Direct Action (NVDA).



## 13 December: Wellington Harbour Blockade

The Wellington-based issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington has planned a day of action in the Capital for what it hopes will be the largest on-the-water protest and practice blockade seen in New Zealand todate.

The group says the protest is its response of "non-violent direct action and resistance" to the operations of oil and gas companies holding exploration permits off the coast of Wellington and the rest of New Zealand.

The group plans to use kayaks and other small craft to practice blocking the harbour in readiness for real protest if vessels working for the oil and gas industry

visit the port over the coming summer. Oil Free Wellington says it has arranged to provide kayaks or paddleboards to anyone who wants to participate as part of the group's 'Ready Reaction Team' on the day, but does not have access to one.

Oil Free Wellington says that in addition to the practice blockade, it is organising a day of "discussion and sharing aimed at envisaging solutions to climate change that work" on 12 December, the day before the practice blockade. The practice blockade itself will commence at noon at 13 December on the Wellington waterfront.



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Security Assessment	Threat Level & Colour Code	Required Response
1. Protest Action is unlikely.	<b>LOW</b> (Green)	<b>Normal</b> Routine Protective Security measures are applied appropriate to the individual & current circumstances.
2. Protest Action is possible.	<b>MODERATE</b> (Blue)	
3. Obstructive & Direct Action protest is feasible and may occur.	<b>ELEVATED</b> (Yellow)	<b>Heightened</b> Additional and sustainable Protective Security measures reflecting the broad nature of the threat combined with specific business & geographical vulnerabilities & judgements on acceptable risk.
4. Obstructive and illegal Direct Action protest is very likely to occur.	<b>HIGH</b> (Orange)	
5. Illegal or obstructive Direct Action protest to sabotage operations is imminent.	<b>SEVERE</b> (Red)	
		<b>Exceptional</b> Maximum Protective Security measures required to minimise vulnerabilities & risk.

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### Breaking News: RV Tangaroa Occupied

**24 November**

A direct action team from Greenpeace New Zealand has this morning occupied the NIWA research vessel RV Tangaroa at CentrePort, Wellington.

In a social media message and photograph (see below) to supporters, Greenpeace NZ's new Executive Director who has been promising a step up in direct action activities since he took up the role earlier this month, said, "Greenpeace climbers on Tangaroa which is currently working for the oil industry to try find to find oil reserves off NZ coast. We can't burn half of existing fossil fuel reserves if we are to avoid dangerous climate change. This boat was doing



*climate research before it was refitted to do oil work."*

Five Greenpeace activists are believed to have evaded port security and got onto the vessel this morning. Three Greenpeace activists have locked themselves to the mast, and more are secured to various areas on deck. They have unfurled a banner reading: "Climb it Change" and say they intend to stay on the vessel as long as possible.



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### Concern There May Be a Second Team

Police have removed and arrested two activists from the Greenpeace occupation of the research vessel Tangaroa in Wellington today, and are working to remove the remaining three who are higher up on the vessel (see photo below).

However, concern exists that there may be a second team which contains three of Greenpeace NZ's top climbers that may be deployed in a second action. There is evidence that a second team of climbers may in fact be involved in today's events but have yet to be deployed or actively committed.

Members of this second team include an activist who in April this year was part of

a direct action team from Greenpeace International that occupied a Shell-contracted oil rig in the Pacific ocean while it was being towed to Seattle. Another is Greenpeace NZ's full time climbing instructor who was part of a direct action team that occupied a ledge over the entrance of Parliament in June this year. The third is a highly experienced climbing activist from Christchurch who is known to have this week travelled to Auckland to join another member of the second team.

Thompson+Clark have been able to identify the five activists who illegally boarded the Tangaroa this morning and have established some are in fact full time Greenpeace NZ employees based in Auckland and at least one has been identified as having been brought in from Australia for the action.

In terms of targeting, concern exists that a second Greenpeace climbing team is on standby for a second action, either at CentrePort, Wellington, once the first team has been removed, or at another port such as Port Taranaki, where Greenpeace NZ has previously conducted actions against vessels associated with both the oil and gas industry and the importation of palm kernel expeller (PKE) animal feed.

Clients are accordingly urged to take particular caution around their operations at this time.



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### Vessel Occupation Ends After Nine Hours

After nine hours, the protest occupation of the research vessel Tangaroa at CentrePort, Wellington, has ended this evening with Greenpeace NZ at 18:42hrs announcing, "That's a wrap folks - after a very long day, our five brave activists may soon be off for some well deserved time on the ground".

A few minutes prior to this one of the activists who had locked herself up the vessel's mast Tweeted that she was about to be arrested and at 19:00hrs this evening Greenpeace confirmed that the three remaining activists occupying the vessel had indeed been arrested and removed from the ship.

The two Greenpeace activists who were arrested by Wellington Police earlier today and removed from the Tangaroa have now been released from custody. One is employed fulltime by Greenpeace NZ at its Auckland head office and works as the organisation's Public Engagement Coordinator.

The other is also from Auckland and employed as the fulltime National Director of the issue motivated climate group 350 Aotearoa. She has a substantial history of protesting against vessels associated with the oil and gas industry and been part of Greenpeace direct action teams which have breached a vessel's Non-Interference Zone (NIZ).

Meanwhile during the protest, the activists occupying the vessel criticised the oil and gas industry's engagement of research vessels like the Tangaroa, stating in a Tweet this evening that, "Research vessels should solve environmental problems, not create them..." (see photo below).

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Research vessels should solve environmental problems, not create them NZgovt check your priorities #stopdeepseaoil

## Protest Over But Vigilance Still Required

While Greenpeace NZ's occupation of the research vessel Tangaroa may have ended this evening, vigilance is still recommended, especially amongst those clients who have operations currently in progress or about to commence.

Greenpeace NZ is known to have a second (and more experienced) climbing team of at least three activists in readiness and which it did not deploy today. Thompson+Clark believes this second team may have been put on standby for a second, follow up protest action.

Secondly, the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington, which has previously conducted protests against vessels associated with the oil and gas industry, is



known to be planning a protest blockade of Wellington Harbour on 13 December with kayaks, and last weekend made what the group describes as a "massive" floating protest banner to be used in climate protests (see photo below).

There is currently a high state of motivation and capability amongst a number of issue motivated groups, such as Greenpeace, who are keen to promote this weekend's series of national protest marches ahead of the United Nations COP21 Climate Talks which begin in Paris on 30 November.



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### Greenpeace Promoting Climate March

Greenpeace New Zealand has been relatively restrained in its social media rhetoric this morning, focussing on this weekend's series of 'People's Climate Marches' which are scheduled to be held in more than 25 regional centres.

It has, however, provided a recap of yesterday's events around its 10-hour occupation of the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa, but has relied on a link to a story on the Stuff news media page to provide this, as opposed to writing and publishing its own account.

Greenpeace NZ's home page is promoting the weekend's climate marches, as

yesterday's action against the Tangaroa was obviously timed to promote this event going by statements the organisation has made.

The lead story on the website's update page is an article written by one of the activists who occupied the vessel yesterday. This person is a Christchurch-based activist who has recently been doing climbing training with Greenpeace NZ and who states in the article that this was her first direct action of this type which involved heights and she has in fact a fear of heights. This is perhaps a worrying feature, given that Greenpeace has in the past stressed how "experienced" its activists were when undertaking risky protests.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/p5lkqwo>

The screenshot shows the Greenpeace New Zealand website. At the top, there is a green navigation bar with the Greenpeace logo and the text 'Greenpeace New Zealand'. Below this is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'About us', 'Blog', 'What we do', 'Photos & Video', 'Get involved', and 'Donate Now'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Sign in', 'New here?', and 'Create an account'. The main banner features a crowd of people with a globe icon and the text 'PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH \*NATIONWIDE\*'. Below the banner, there is a section for 'The latest updates' with a filter menu for 'All', 'News', 'Photos', 'Videos', and 'Press releases'. A featured article is titled 'Why I chained myself to a Government oil exploration boat' by Sara Fitzjohn, dated November 24, 2010. To the right of the article is a subscription form with fields for 'First name' and 'Email address', and a 'Subscribe' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'Connect with us' link.

## Greenpeace Reminder of Who is a Target

During yesterday's live coverage by Greenpeace New Zealand of its occupation of the Tangaroa it provided a live feed page of the action. Included in the postings was a message promoting action against oil and gas companies who are exploring in New Zealand waters and a link to Greenpeace's campaign page against Statoil.

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### Threat Level

The assessed level of threat from issue-motivated group (IMGs) activism and protest directed towards Oil and Gas Industry clients is assessed at **LOW** for onshore and offshore operations (see the explanation of TCIL's Threat Methodology at the end of this SitRep).

### Explanation

This Situation Report (SitRep) summarizes recent relevant protests and activities by IMGs and activists opposed to operations both onshore and offshore by the Oil and Gas Industry. It looks at risks to current Industry operations and events, and at trends and developments both domestically and overseas (where relevant).

## Dunedin Council Split Over Climate Issue

**27 November**

The issue of what (if anything) the Dunedin City Council should do about climate change will be put to the vote next week, and will hopefully put to rest an argument which has been dividing it for months, fuelled by local activists.

The vote at Monday's council meeting (ahead of next week's UN climate talks in Paris) will consider a motion outlining actions the council could take to combat climate change, including a call to Government to halt all oil and gas exploration and extraction activities.

The motion the council will vote on lists four specific actions it could take:

Asking the Government to commit to a 40 percent reduction on 1990 carbon emissions by 2030 at the Paris talks

Helping develop "a clear action plan to achieve that target"

Signing an international agreement for cities committed to acting on climate change already signed by the Auckland and Wellington city councils, and

Asking the Government to put a moratorium on deep sea oil and gas exploration and extraction in New Zealand.

However, some councillors have called the vote nothing but a "publicity stunt" and "Green Party policy" which was "going down the wrong path" and "completely impractical". Others have however described it as "entirely sensible". Dunedin's Mayor supports the motion, saying it included "a reasonable set of objectives".

"They're consistent with quite a lot of the information and concern expressed in the New Zealand community and the Dunedin community recently," he said.



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**Greenpeace CEO Justifies Vessel Protest**

## 26 November

Posting to his 5000+ 'friends' on Facebook the Executive Director of Greenpeace New Zealand sought to justify the organisation's illegal protest this week when five of its activists occupied the research vessel Tangaroa for 10 hours at the port of Wellington (CentrePort).

Posting an article from the UK Guardian on his timeline stating that climate change made 2011-2015 the warmest five-year period on record, he commented, "*And this is why we need real climate action, not more fossil fuel exploration. That's why Greenpeace went onto the Govt oil exploration ship.*"

And this is why we need real climate action, not more fossil fuel exploration. That's why Greenpeace went onto the Govt oil exploration ship.



**Climate change makes past five-year period the warmest on record: WMO**

UN weather body says man-made global warming and El Niño oceanic phenomenon made 2011-2015 the warmest five-year period on record

## Existence of Second Team Confirmed

### 25 November

The existence of a second climbing team deployed by Greenpeace NZ the day it occupied the research vessel Tangaroa in Wellington has been confirmed. This image (below) has appeared on social media and dated the day after the protest. Headed 'The Crew', it shows one of the arrested protesters with a group of other Greenpeace activists relaxing in Taupo, two of whom are part of Greenpeace NZ's



pool of experienced direct action protesters.

Another photograph posted on social media on 25 November by Greenpeace's chief climbing instructor showing the Beehive in Wellington was captioned by him and said, "*Can look but you can't climb. At least for another 18 months.*" This a reference to the fact that the activist taking the photograph has been trespassed from Parliament grounds for two years for being part of a Greenpeace protest that occupied a ledge above the entrance to the House of Representatives in June this year.

It appears this second team (which included Greenpeace NZ's three most experienced climbers) was either kept in reserve or used as part of the support team for the five activists who boarded the Tangaroa. This may have partly been down to the fact that two of these climbers were only just sentenced in October for their part in Greenpeace's illegal protest at parliament in June and another conviction so soon probably would have gone harshly for them.

The Crew..



## Opposition to 3D Survey

25 November

A prominent local Taranaki activist opposed to the operations of the oil and gas industry urged people in central and south Taranaki on social media not to cooperate if they are visited by a representative from either Shell Todd Oil Services or TAG Oils in relation to seismic survey operations or other industry-related work. She has continued to distributed a document (see below) which purports to give advice on how to respond.

Her post of the document on Facebook has been picked up and shared by the issue motivated group Frack Free Tararua.

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## Insight into Greenpeace Protest Tradecraft

24 November

Greenpeace NZ's occupation by five of its activists on the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa for 10 hours in Wellington this week has resulted in an interesting piece of Greenpeace protest tradecraft coming to light.

During the 2015 Advantage Petroleum Summit, Thompson+Clark filtered out a number of suspicious applications for registration on the grounds they were likely

to have been falsely submitted by activists attempting to infiltrate this event. Thompson+Clark has been able to establish that one of the five activists arrested on the Tangaroa this week is an English migrant who in March unsuccessfully attempted to register to attend the 2015 Advantage New Zealand Petroleum Summit, while claiming to be a representative of a small British oil and gas consultancy firm.

Enquiries by Thompson+Clark have revealed this consultancy is little more than a website false front set up shortly before the petroleum summit and whose address is actually a small residential two bedroom terrace house in the London suburb of Islington.

The timing of his arrest is perhaps fortuitous for this particular activist, as had he attracted a conviction earlier, it would seem unlikely he would have been granted residency. As it was, the activist had only received his residency visa on 19 November and a few days later was engaged in illegal protest against the Tangaroa.

The activist (who used his real name to register for the Summit) was blocked from attending the summit and did not query why his application for registration was denied. In total Thompson+Clark identified six suspicious registrations that were deemed to have been submitted by activists. None disputed the refusal to accept their registration.



## Comedian Comments on Oil Companies

24 November

The comedy Facebook page Planet Key which describes itself as "devoted to the capitalist dystopia" published this image of the research vessel Tangaroa and the Prime Minister in response to the occupation of the vessel by Greenpeace protesters.



The NZ scientific research vessel Tangaroa. Refitted at taxpayer's expense of \$24 million to carry out oil and gas research for Statoil and Chevron.

**"I have faith in technology to address climate change problems."**  
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## **Petrol Station Targeted for Protest**

**24 November**

A small group of Wellington climate activists picketed a Mobil retail petrol outlet in the suburb of Petone as a protest to the publication of allegations that Exxon Mobil had misled the public and shareholders about climate change risks, and had funded climate change denier organizations to malign mainstream climate

science. The protest was peaceful and orderly, and passed without incident (see photo below).



## Greenpeace Strikes at Survey Ship

24 November

A team of five Greenpeace New Zealand activists, backed up by a substantial support crew, successfully defeated security at Wellington's CentrePort this week and occupied the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa for 10 hours in a protest over the vessel being chartered by oil and gas companies.

The protest was timed to promote the nationwide series of climate change protest marches being held this weekend prior to the United Nations COP21 Climate Summit in Paris.

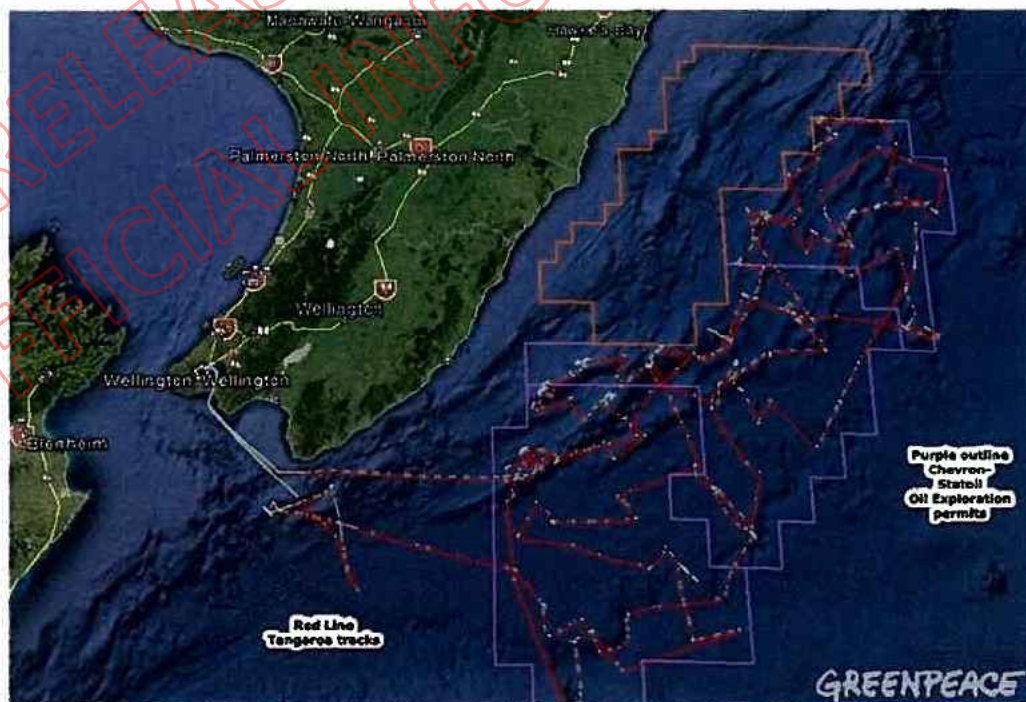
Greenpeace NZ produced this tracking image (below) of the Tangaroa's movements off the east coast of the lower North Island to back up its claim the vessel was doing offshore work for Chevron and Statoil.

While the two activists on the vessel's deck were quickly removed by police and arrested, the other three proved harder to remove because they had secured themselves higher up the vessel. The police played their usual waiting game for the activists to come down, and which they did after 10 hours. All five are due to appear in the Wellington District Court next week.

It appears the activists evaded port security by simply placing a ladder against the security fence and climbing over it. They then locked themselves on to the ship, three of them climbing high into the ship's gantry. While Greenpeace NZ's National Director claimed all activists involved were experienced and highly trained, one of them who wrote a blog about her experience in the protest admitted this was the first time she had actually done anything like this, although it appears she had been doing some climbing training prior to the protest.

One of the activists is employed as Greenpeace NZ's Public Engagement Coordinator in Auckland. Another is the full time Director of climate group 350 Aotearoa based in Auckland and who is no stranger to direct action, having been one of the crew of the protest yacht Vega when it breached the Non Interference Zone (NIZ) of the drill ship Noble Bob Douglas in November 2013. Not all are local. One of the protesters is an Australian who appears to have come here especially for this protest. This mirrors other actions Greenpeace has done previously such as the occupation of the drill ship Noble Discoverer in Port Taranaki in 2012 when on that occasion Greenpeace activists from other countries were known to have been brought in to assist with the operation.

Greenpeace NZ in trying to claim a moral high ground for this actions claimed that while it didn't have any "beef" with NIWA, government research vessels should not be engaged in work for the oil and gas industry.



# Activists Get to Have Their Say

23 November

In an initiative by the Northland Regional Council's Te Taitokerau Maori Advisory Committee three leading Far North activists got to put their case as to why the council should oppose exploration for oil and gas in the Reinga Basin during a workshop at Toll Stadium (see photo below).

One of the activists speaking, later posted these notes on social media of what he said in support of their case.

1. Recognised the efforts #STOPSTATOIL collective groups on a regional scale in Te Hiku, Bay of Islands, Whangarei, Auckland, and the Hokianga Environmental Group, Greenpeace and all other orgs fighting to protect our moana and working together. Recognised NRC Maori Advisory committee creating the opportunity to speak.
2. History of kaitiakitanga thru our history over more than 20 generations. Current history of opposition to Deep Sea Oil Drilling (DSOD) started before 2004 Foreshore and Seabed Act but all related to present date.
3. Present situation is the CHCH City Council and Gisborne Council voted against DSOD (deep sea oil drilling) is strong indicator for NRC to follow (Auckland Council had strong case to nearly oppose too).
4. State of crude oil lost value 50% over last 12 months, while solar has increased 400% in sales. There is no profit in DSOD.
5. Statoil brings no benefits economic or social, has no accountability to our region, has no real consultation process with the public.
6. Future is in clean green investments into alternative energies.
7. Potential for Northland to be recognised as 100 clean energy is achievable, the information is availble [sic] already (Stanford Uni, Uni of California etc have research for 100% reduction).
8. Main point made: #STOPSTATOIL is 100 percent opposed to Deep Sea Oil Drilling. No consultation. No Testing. No Exploration in Te Reinga. Leave our moana alone for or children.



## Scenes from Greenpeace Direct Action

**Wellington: 24 November**

The following is a collection of images captured on Tuesday when a direct action team of five activists from Greenpeace NZ evaded security at CentrePort, Wellington, and occupied the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa for 10 hours to protest it being contracted to oil and gas companies.

Greenpeace NZ deployed considerable resources in this protest and which included sending its new Executive Director and senior climate campaigner to Wellington to front the media, deploying a camera crew in a boat to capture the action, and a support crew of its most experienced climbers, in addition to the direct action team of five activists who were arrested and charged with trespass.







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## MP Asks for Opinions on Oil and Gas

**23 November**

This year the sitting MP for Te Tai Tokerau says he is sending constituents a Christmas card with a difference. Half the card has a survey question asking whether the recipient if they:

- Supports deep sea oil drilling
- Opposes deep sea oil drilling, or
- Would like more information about deep sea oil drilling.

The MP says the survey is to gauge the mood of Te Tai Tokerau constituents towards deep sea oil drilling and to generate discussion on the topic. He says he has asked both Greenpeace and Statoil to email him information from their respective points of view which he will post on his Facebook page to aid the discussion.



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## 13-27 November: Palmerston North Event

The 'Reel Earth' Film Festival is again being held this year at the Globe Theatre, Main Street, Palmerston North, between 13-27 November. This annual competitive film festival and symposium has been held in Palmerston North since 2005. For more information, including the programme, see:

<http://reeearth.org.nz/>



The poster for the Reel Earth Environmental Film Festival features a collage of images: a woman eating popcorn, a snowy landscape, and a building. The text on the poster includes the festival name, dates, and sponsors.

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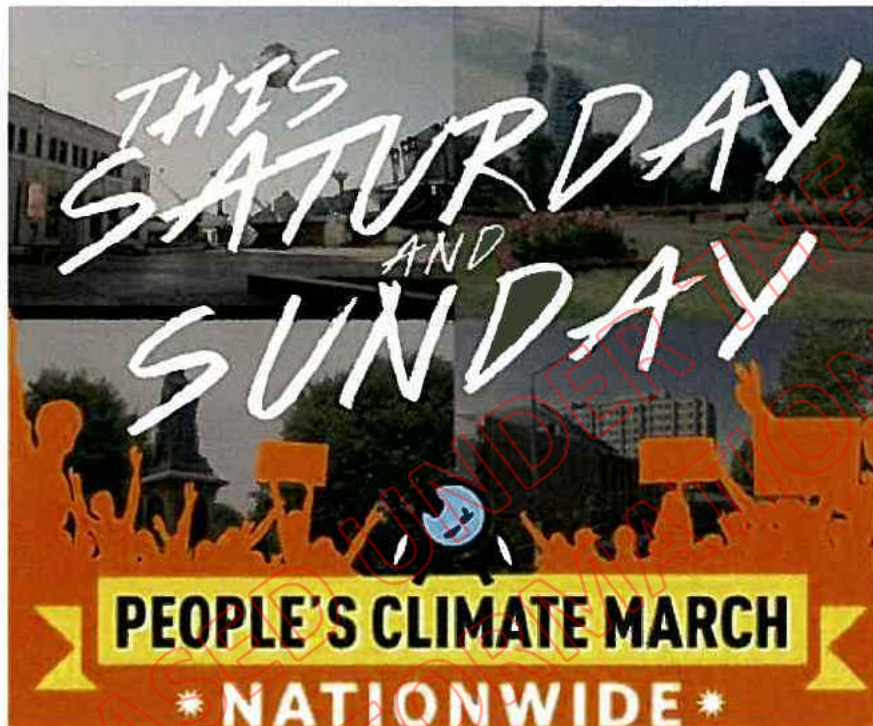
## 28-29 November: People's Climate March

A series of protest marches in many of the main centres has been organised on 28 November as part of an international protest scheduled the weekend before the Paris Climate Talks. Marches are being held in about 30 regional centres across the country on 28 and 29 November. So far over 5,400 people have pledged to support the New Zealand marches.

To date, 32 different organisations and issue motivated groups have signed up to support the march, including Greenpeace, the Unite trade union, the Coal Action Network Aotearoa, the First Union, Oxfam, Forest and Bird, the PSA, the First trade union, and the World Wildlife Fund.

Up to 15,000 people are expected to take part in the marches, about 5,000 of these in Auckland alone.

The New Zealand organiser of this event is a former campaign manager for the Green Party who now works for the Sustainable Electricity Association of New Zealand as a communications officer and has played a significant past role in organising protests against coal mining companies Bathurst Resources and Solid Energy NZ. See: [www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/events](http://www.peoplesclimatemarch.org.nz/events)



### **30 November: Auckland Activist Training**

The annual 'Step it Up' activist training event is being held at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT) this year, 30 November-02 December at the university's city campus. It is expected to involve up to 300 activists who will be given opportunities to upskill their abilities from instruction given to them by a team of 10 veteran activists with a range of skills from successful animal rights activism to climate change campaigns.

Participants will be charged anything from \$275 - \$70 depending on their employment or economic status. 'Step it Up' is run by the The Centre for NZ Progress which says it exists to "to support those individuals and organisations working to bridge the gap between the world that we live in right now, and the more just, fair and environmentally sustainable world we want to live in". The Centre says it aims to achieve this by providing community organisations with access to international best practice in running public facing campaigns.

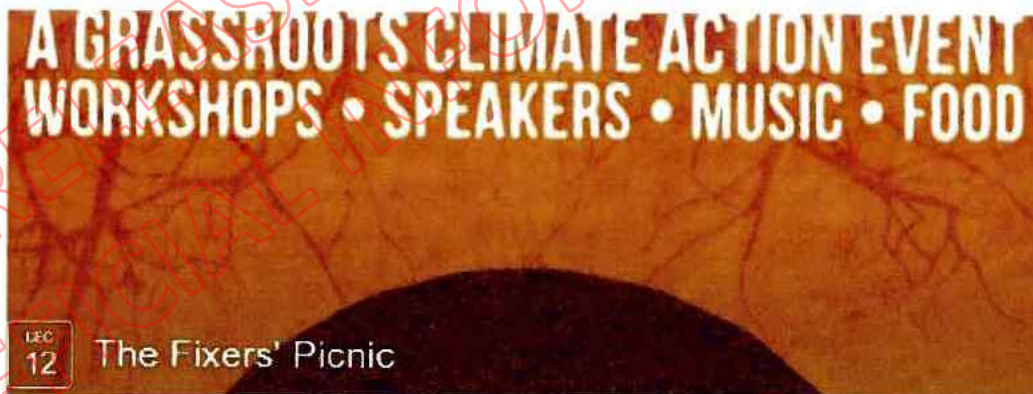


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### Oil and Gas Activism



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## Greenpeace NZ Helps With Nuclear Protest

05 December

Last week saw Greenpeace Australia sending one of its most experienced direct action activists to help Greenpeace NZ occupy the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa at Wellington. This weekend saw Greenpeace NZ return the favour when it sent one, possibly two, of its most experienced marine protesters to help Greenpeace Australia-Pacific protest against the arrival of a ship carrying French nuclear waste to Australia.

The exchange of experienced protest personnel between the two organisations highlights a growing trend of the two regional Greenpeace organisations working closer together and pooling resources when it comes to direct actions.

Thompson+Clark believes Greenpeace NZ sent its Direct Action Trainer (who posted this Tweet, below) and its Boat Team Quartermaster to assist Greenpeace Australia mount a protest against the arrival of the nuclear waste carrier BBC Shanghai at Port Kembla in New South Wales this weekend. The vessel's arrival was met with a massive security response involving 300 Australian police officers who searched all protesters and visitors at the port and screened port staff.

Greenpeace Australia-Pacific was allowed on the water to protest against the vessel's arrival, although they were kept well back from the ship by Australian police vessels. The same applied on land, with the protest controlled by a heavy police presence.

The tin foil in my undies chaffed a bit but worth it I reckon as the nuke waste leaves Port Kembla #dodgyWaste



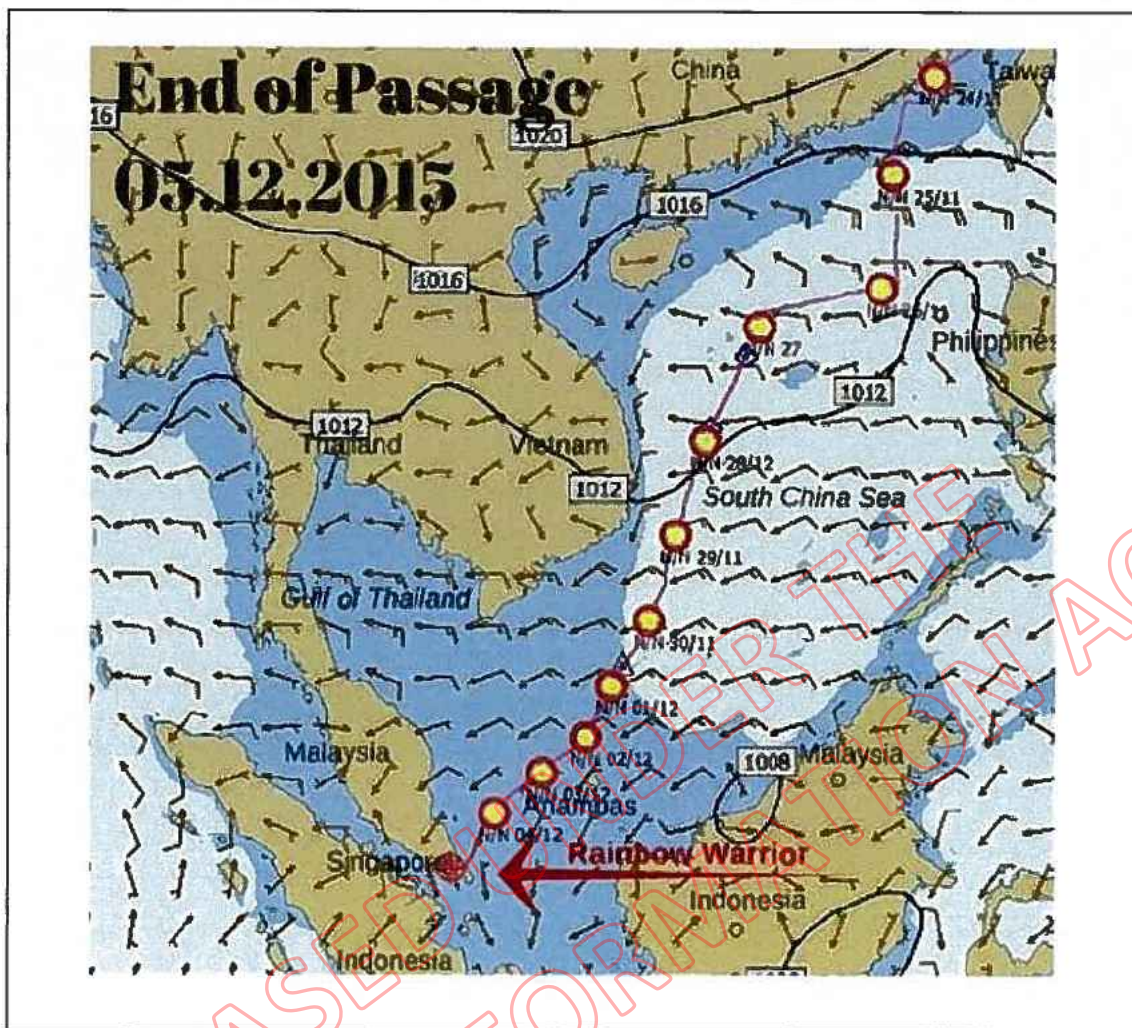
## Rainbow Warrior III Laid Up Until New Year

### 05 December

Greenpeace International's flagship the Rainbow Warrior III arrived in Singapore this weekend and the organisation says the vessel will be laid up in dry dock until the New Year undergoing maintenance.

The vessel had been conducting onboard activist training in Taiwan for local Greenpeace activists. Greenpeace NZ's senior ocean's campaigner has been with the vessel to assist with this training but has now left the vessel to return to New Zealand.

In terms of Greenpeace International's two other campaign vessels, the Esperanza (Greenpeace's largest ship) is currently campaigning in Chile and the the Arctic Sunrise is in the North Sea, headed for Amsterdam.



## Greens Decry 'Massive' Survey Application

**03 December**

The Green Party's spokesman on Energy says he is nonplussed over what appears to be the biggest petroleum exploration application ever filed in New Zealand, saying he has never seen anything like it before.

The Texas-based company ION has applied to prospect 1.6 million square kilometres of offshore New Zealand, and which includes parts of the West Coast.

Describing it as a "massive application", covering an area the size of the Greenland icecap, the Green's Energy spokesman said his party would "absolutely" be watching its progress. He said if the prospecting permit was granted, it would involve seismic surveys, which were "known to have an environmental impact on the likes of Hector's dolphins off the West Coast". He said that his party would of course be urging the government to decline the application.

However, a spokesman for NZ Petroleum and Minerals said if the application was granted, the actual lines the survey ship would follow were long and widely

spaced. "Seismic surveys are often in a single sedimentary basin. This survey is across multiple basins. It is about a 'big picture' view of the geology around New Zealand, and the relationships between basins - not pinpointing somewhere to drill a well," he said.

"There would also be significant research value in this data, in that it would provide specific information regarding tectonic plates and the geological settings of New Zealand," the spokesman added.



## **New Seabed Mining Protest Campaign**

**02 December**

An anti-mining issue motivated group and a Taranaki iwi have signalled their intention to not take the latest seabed mining application lying down. Having successfully defeated two recent applications, they say they are now preparing themselves to fight off a third. This week it was announced that Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR) was preparing a new application to mine iron ore from the South Taranaki Bight, after its first application was turned down last year by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Both the issue motivated group Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) and the iwi who opposed TTR's application last time have now criticised the company for the conditions it has placed on sharing information about its latest application. The Chief Executive of the Te Runanga Ngati Ruanui Trust has complained that TTR has asked the iwi to sign a confidentiality agreement before it will share the environmental information it holds about the application. The iwi says TTR originally asked for the agreement to cover the trust's board, but the board responded that it was its policy to share information with the 7000 people in the iwi. The iwi then says TTR asked for an agreement to be signed on behalf of the entire iwi, which the trust's chairman said wouldn't work for obvious reasons as the trust can not guarantee the discretion of 7000 people.



KASM has responded scathingly to the requirement, commenting on its Facebook page this week, *"How's that for community consultation? We'll tell a few of you what our plans are but you're not allowed to tell anyone else...or we'll sue you"*.

The chairman of KASM's Taranaki branch said he had better things to do than fighting the application, but he would be fighting it anyway. KASM, he said, had an obligation to everyone opposed to seabed mining to oppose the company's latest application. Nothing had essentially changed since the last EPA determination, he claimed.

Meanwhile, Chatham Rock Phosphate, the company involved in the other unsuccessful seabed mining application, is disputing the \$2.66 million costs claim the EPA has requested for its failed application, claiming some of the expenses the EPA is demanding is for alcohol and taxis. The company has already paid the EPA \$1.8 million and is being taken to court by the EPA over the outstanding balance which it is disputing.



## **Dunedin Passes Climate Change Policy**

**01 December**

To the obvious delight of local issue motivated group Oil Free Otago (who posted the photo below), the Dunedin City Council has passed four climate change

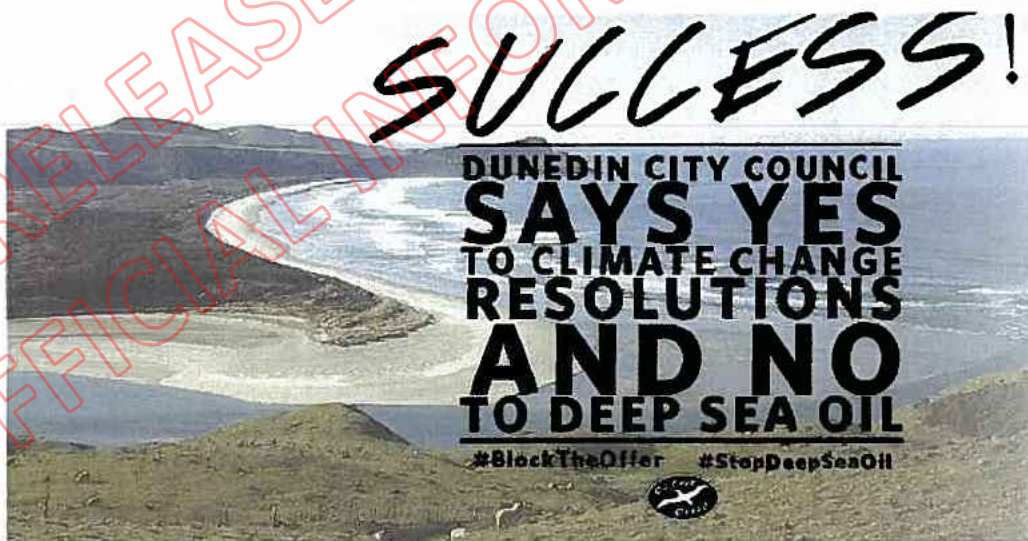
resolutions aimed at changing the way the city approaches the issue. The resolutions past last week state the council will:

- Urge the Government to adopt a tougher carbon emissions target.
- Support the Government in that goal by reducing Dunedin's carbon emissions.
- Join the International Compact of Mayors' Agreement to Measure and Reduce Emissions.
- Ask the Government to place a moratorium on deep sea oil and gas exploration.

Those presenting the resolutions said they were not radical, but simply sought to commit Dunedin and pressure the Government into taking a more meaningful approach to the issue. However, some councillors objected to that view, saying if Dunedin wanted to make a difference, it should champion "green tech" - developing and producing new ways of doing things with a smaller carbon footprint.

Others said they felt Dunedin would be better off 'walking the talk' than telling the Government what to do. The issue was one for central Government, and Dunedin was wasting its time giving its opinion, they said.

But that view was rejected by others on the council who said grassroots pressure was what drove governments to make big decisions and councils like Dunedin were "supposed to be carriers of moral leadership."



## Nationwide Climate Change Protests

28 November

Thousands of people throughout the country marched in protests to mark the lead

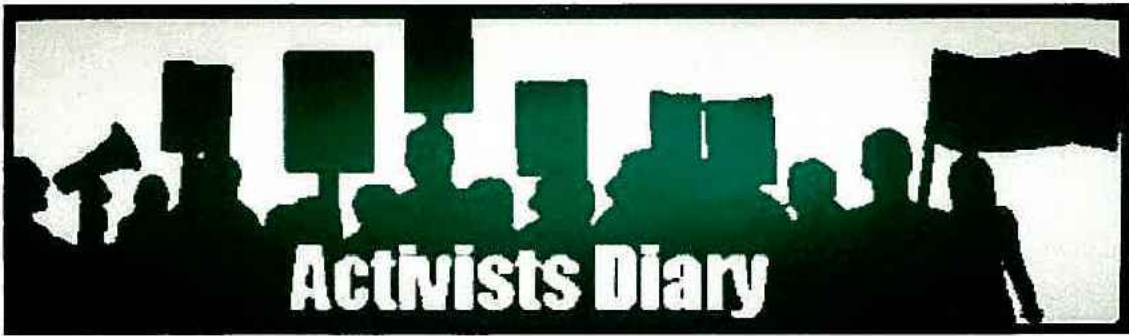
up to the United Nations COP21 Paris climate talks which opened last week. News media outlets reported that an estimated more than 20,000 people took part in more than 30 marches throughout the country calling on the government to take urgent action to combat global warming.

Some reports said that the biggest march appears to have been in Wellington, where organisers say 7000 people marched through the streets to Parliament. In Auckland, news media reported about 3000 people took to central city streets, though Greenpeace New Zealand claimed about 15,000 people were involved in that protest. In Christchurch, over 1500 Cantabrians congregated in Victoria Square, calling for "real action" to address climate change, ahead of the United Nations conference in Paris.

The New Zealand campaign convener for the marches, who has close links with Greenpeace New Zealand and the Green Party, said the protests were aimed to build pressure on the Government and international leaders to create more ambitious emission targets to reduce climate change.

The events were peaceful and family orientated. Further marches were held in Dunedin, Hamilton, Greymouth, Whangarei, Lower Hutt, Queenstown and Wanaka the following day to coincide with worldwide events. Numerous issue motivated groups opposed to the operations of the oil and gas Industry supported the marches and afterwards hailed them as successful.





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# Activists Rehearse Harbour Blockade

## 13 December

About 60 protesters in kayaks and other small craft took to the water in Wellington to rehearse blockading the harbour against vessels working for the oil and gas industry (see image below).

They were supported by another group of about 100 protesters who stood on the shore chanting while holding protest banners directed at specific oil companies such as Anadarko and Statoil.

The practice blockade was organised by the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington - with substantial support from Greenpeace NZ which sent a crew of experienced activists and three RHIBs from Auckland to help with the event. Greenpeace NZ Auckland staff who helped with this event included its quartermaster and National Coordinator of Volunteers.

The practice protest blockade did not involve any direct action against any vessels in the port at the time. It involved protesters in mostly kayaks and paddle boards converging around a large floating protest sign bearing the slogan 'Expect Resistance'. There was no incidents or arrests and the event was watched by the crew of the Wellington Police Launch, and who kept their distance.

Not all those taking part in the rehearsal were from Wellington, with a number of leading activists from Auckland and Dunedin being noted in the crowd. The Auckland-based full-time Executive Director of climate group 350 Aotearoa was observed, for example, at the helm of one of three Greenpeace RHIBs that took part in supporting the blockade.

Greenpeace NZ's principle protest RHIB the *Margaret Mahy* also was deployed for this event, although the helm was given to a local Wellington activist who has previously crewed on Greenpeace protest vessels. Also noted in attendance was a former Kiwi activist with a substantial history of protest action against ships targeted by Greenpeace and who is now based in New South Wales and is employed by 350.org Australia as its 'Fossil Fuels Frontline Campaigner'.

Referring to controversial law changes passed in 2013 designed to stop high sea-borne protesters interfering with company equipment or vessels, a tactic commonly used by activist groups like Greenpeace to interrupt oil exploration and illegal fishing activities, a spokeswoman for Oil Free Wellington told news media the group was rehearsing blocking the harbour because, "The Government's efforts to make protest illegal makes it all the more important to come out and keep on protesting against fossil fuels".



Oil Free Wellington released the following statement promising that it will mount direct action against oil companies which operate off Wellington's coast:

*"Today we sent a message to oil and gas companies intending to fuel climate change by drilling off our coast, but it was also a practice for more direct action. It is clear that the fight for climate justice will be won by people joining together across our struggles to take action, not in the halls of a corporate sponsored junket."*

The practice protest had been deliberately timed by Oil Free Wellington to coincide with the COP21 UN Paris Climate Talks.



## **Greenpeace Activist Sidelined by a Tree**

**12 December**

One of Greenpeace NZ's top climbing activists has taken to the tree tops in the Auckland suburb of Titirangi in an attempt to save an ancient kauri tree from being cut down by a property developer. The action has effectively sidelined one of Greenpeace NZ's most experienced climbers for the meantime.

The activist who is a professional Auckland arborist, has been living in a tent suspended high up in the tree since early Friday morning and has ignored a trespass warning from the police and a threat of arrest. He is being supported by hundreds of Aucklanders, including some celebrities and politicians from the Labour and Green Parties (and even a former Prime Minister) who have been out to the protest site to vouch their support in person.

It is the second time this year the property developer has tried to cut the tree down to make way for a development and the second time there has been a huge groundswell of support to save the tree. It is also the second time a protester has climbed into the tree to stop it being cut down.

In April this year the activist involved in this latest tree protest, took part in Greenpeace's occupation of the Shell-chartered drilling rig *Polar Pioneer* in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and which he climbed and occupied as part of a protest against Shell exploring for oil and gas in the Arctic. He was also part of a Greenpeace NZ direct action team which occupied a ledge over the main entrance to Parliament in June as part of a climate change protest.

Most recently, the activist was part of a Greenpeace support team that successfully defeated port security at the Port of Wellington (CentrePort) last month to insert a direct action team on board the NIWA survey vessel *Tangaroa* after it was commissioned by a couple of oil and gas companies to conduct survey work.



## ANZ Becomes Target of Climate Protest

**12 December**

In Christchurch, about 30 protesters associated with the climate issue motivated group 350.org Christchurch protested outside the Riccarton branch of the ANZ Bank.

The group has accused the ANZ of having \$NZ 7.3 billion invested in coal and oil and gas companies. It says it also chose the ANZ for protest because this year it sponsored the NZ Petroleum Summit.

The protest passed peacefully and without incident, although at one point a protester dressed in an elephant suit was ejected from the bank for being a nuisance.



## Wellington Activist Workshops Event

12 December

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington held a series of workshops on Saturday in the capital and which were delivered by a veritable 'Who's Who' in the domestic protest scene.

The event was followed the next day (Sunday) by a practice blockade of Wellington Harbour (see article above).

Oil Free Wellington says the purpose of the workshops were to, "*Explore the links between capitalism, colonialism and the climate and discuss the root causes of climate change and the real solutions, while connecting with others working on climate change.*"

Amongst the speakers was the self-declared anarchist co-founders of the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki who helped deliver workshops on 'green capitalism', an exploration of state and community focused climate justice solutions, and decolonisation. This event also included a session where Non Violent Direct Action protest training was delivered.



## Greenpeace Quick to Identify Ship's Arrival

11 December

Greenpeace NZ has been quick to identify the arrival details of a Chinese research vessel due here to conduct seismic surveying operations in the New Caledonia Basin.

Posting these images below to his 6000+ friends and followers on Facebook, Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner said, *"The ink isn't even dry on the latest Paris climate change summit bogus agreements and yet here comes the latest seismic blasting boat into our waters. This is the MV Hai Yang Shi You currently in transit and arriving in Ngamotu (New Plymouth) on the 15th December. It will be seismic blasting the New Caledonia basin until April"*.



## Greenpeace Campaign Choices

**10 December**

Greenpeace New Zealand advised its supporters the results of a recent poll where it canvassed the views of its supporters, asking what issues they would like to see the organisation focus on in 2016.

According to Greenpeace's Public Engagement Coordinator, the three most popular choices singled out by Greenpeace's supporters for campaign focus next year were bees, oceans, and rivers.

However, although identified as the three most pressing issues its supporters wanted Greenpeace to focus on next year, in announcing the results, Greenpeace has not actually given any commitment that these will in fact be the focus. Greenpeace NZ says it has yet to make that determination, but the views of its supporters will of course be taken into consideration.



## Greenpeace Surprised by Response

**09 December**

Greenpeace NZ announced that it was both "surprised and encouraged" by the response it had received when the heads of Fonterra and Greenpeace met to discuss Greenpeace's concern that the dairy giant may be implicated in Indonesian deforestation.

Commenting on his one-on-one meeting with Fonterra's CEO, Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director was reported as saying, "*This is real progress and it was*

*really encouraging to hear us both speaking the same language on this issue, at last. But to achieve it Fonterra is going to have to stop buying cattle feed linked to rainforest destruction in Indonesia".*

Greenpeace claimed Fonterra had previously ignored its claims that it was implicated in rainforest destruction until a recent Greenpeace report claimed a link between Fonterra's main supplier of palm kernel expeller (PKE) and forest destruction,

However, despite the receptive response, Greenpeace has not dropped its rhetoric against the dairy giant, its Executive Director stating that, *"There's still a way to go for Fonterra to get deforestation out of their feed supply and right now they seem committed to doing so, but we'll keep holding their feet to the fire until we see real action. And although we now have a potential breakthrough with PKE, there remains the issue of Fonterra's industrial dairying model that's polluting our rivers, compacting our soils and threatening our stable climate".*

In 2009, Greenpeace launched a major campaign of protest against Fonterra for importing PKE ,which included occupying ships arriving at New Zealand ports and blockading the entrance to Fonterra's Auckland head offices.





The following upcoming events have been organised by activists and issue-motivated groups around New Zealand:

## 01 January: Maui Dolphin Project Launch

South Head Kaipara Harbour, 6am-11pm at the Kaipara Headland AUM New Year's Eve Music Festival. Images of the critically endangered Maui Dolphin will be projected as swimming across the big screen as a background visual image to the performances at this music festival.



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