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WOMAD Oil and Gas Protest

20 March

A small numbers of members of Climate Justice Taranaki, Frack Free Taranaki, and Taranaki Energy Watch protested peacefully outside the 2016 WOMAD festival in New Plymouth this weekend. The three groups were objecting to sponsorship provided by Shell NZ and Todd Energy. This is something the two oil companies have done for years. The protest passed without incident.



Petroleum Conference Protest Briefing

20 March

About 50-60 people are believed to attended a protest briefing organised by Greenpeace NZ at Auckland's Bluestone Room in Durham Lane.

Greenpeace NZ's Head of Digital Tweeted a photo taken during the briefing (see below) with the words, "Amazing turn out."

Greenpeace has promised to target the Petroleum Conference with what it claims will be a 'massive' display of civil disobedience.

Greenpeace NZ is also hinting that one of its two women directors may attend the protest as she was until recently Head of the New Zealand arm.

@GreenpeaceNZ's briefing on tomorrow's #RealClimateAction at the oil conference.



Greenpeace Vessel Locations

20 March

Greenpeace International's Marine Division operates three ocean-going campaign vessels, in addition to a number of smaller coastal craft. These are, its flagship Rainbow Warrior III; Arctic Sunrise; and Esperanza (the largest).

This is in addition to Greenpeace NZ's small fleet of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIBs) normally stored at its Auckland head offices and used for protests and promotional events here.

Greenpeace NZ rarely publicly advises of the location of its protests RHIBs and if it does deploy them for protest action, such deployment is invariably done under the cover of darkness and with an element of subterfuge to avoid detection.

Current known locations of Greenpeace International's campaign vessels are:

Rainbow Warrior III

Lat/Lon: 334.83472° / 139.353°: Japan.

Arctic Sunrise

Lat/Lon: 69.64444° / 18.95623°: Barents Sea, at sea.

Esperanza

Lat / Lon: -33.91627 / 18.45396: South Africa.



Vessel Operations Blamed Again

19 March

Two more anti-oil and gas issue motivated groups have blamed industry operations in the Reinga and New Caledonia Basins for the recent deaths of two orcas which

died this past week on North Island beaches. Operations by the RV Tangaroa were not specifically mentioned however, and it seems seismic operations in the neighbouring New Caledonia Basin may be more the concern.

Commenting on the death, a spokeswoman for the Hokianga Environmental Protection Group said, *"Outrageous that they don't routinely do examinations to check if seismic surveying is the cause. There is seismic surveying going on off our coast right now and two dead orcas in a week. Seems a bit of a coincidence really. Its clear that DOC and the NZ govt don't want to give a definitive answer about what's causing the deaths so they don't do the necropsy and then assert its just natural. And the media - they don't even look beyond the basic story - pathetic! There were deaths last time they surveyed too."*

Meanwhile, the US-based group 'Stranded No More' has picked up on the story and commented on its Facebook page, *"One more orca stranded in New Zealand, and it looks like no full forensic necropsy either. So over the past several days we had 5 stranded marine mammals and anthropogenic noise activities in the area. None of the animals got full forensic necropsy. And they have the nerve to argue that these are "natural" strandings and no evidence that they were caused by humans".*



Second North Island Orca Stranding

19 March

A second orca (killer`whale) stranded and died on a Northland beach last week. A

female orca beached itself at Mangawhai band is believed to have been dead for some hours before it was discovered.

The death is subscribed to the whale having come in too close to the shore while hunting for stingrays. New Zealand has reportedly the highest rate of whale strandings in the world.

Unlike the stranding of another orca earlier in the week at a Patea Beach in Taranaki, anti-oil and gas activists have not sought to blame the whale's death on the operations of the industry.



'Stop Statoil' Far North Group

17 March

The leader of the Northland issue motivated group Stop Statoil Te Hiku has encouraged members of his group to read this analysis (see below) of online activism published in the Washington Post.

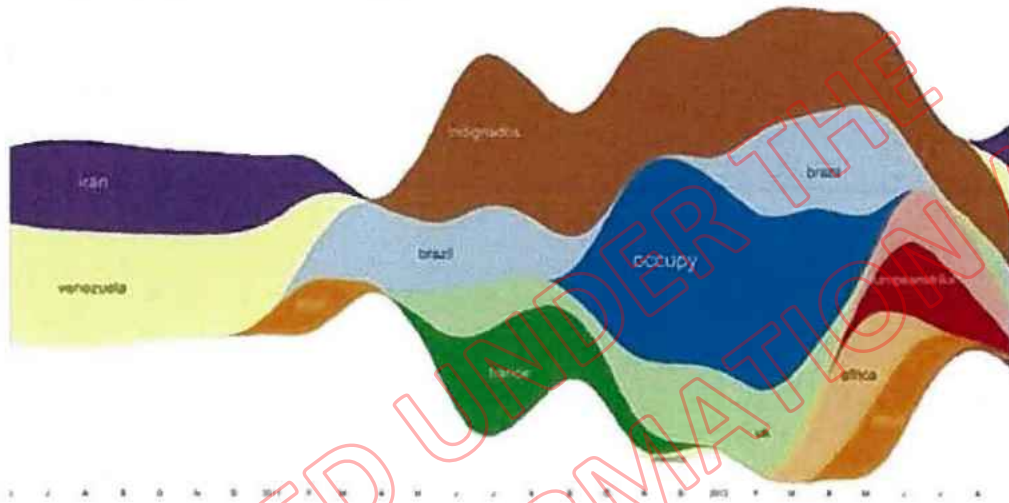
The article seeks to show that online activism, if conducted at a high level, can be very effective. It identified the profile of the most effective 'keyboard' warriors as being much older than the average Twitter user, mostly part of a lower-income bracket, and who worked predominantly in IT.

The article said that thanks to social media, highly decentralized and fragmented

activists are capable of working together across national borders in remarkable ways. Over time, the activists came to form a close-knit network of users that are geographically apart but ideologically proximate; their work helped the uprisings become better known worldwide and offered virtual support when things on the ground were chaotic.

See here for the full article: <http://tinyurl.com/hcmkc8z>

excellent analysis. Carry on and #STOPSTATOIL



Online activists support uprisings around the world.
Here's what we know about them.

They say that online activism is to marches like air support is to boots on the ground.

WASHINGTONPOST.COM

RV Tangaroa Blamed for Whale Death

15 March

Taranaki activists opposed to the operations of the oil and gas industry have blamed the RV Tangaroa for the death of a young female killer whale (orca) which stranded at Patea Beach on Sunday.

Members of the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) claimed today that the presence of the Tangaroa in approximately the same vicinity, at the same time as the whale was the reason for its stranding and subsequent death on Patea Beach on Monday morning.

The young female orca died despite the efforts of locals to refloat her. The whale

has now been buried at the beach.

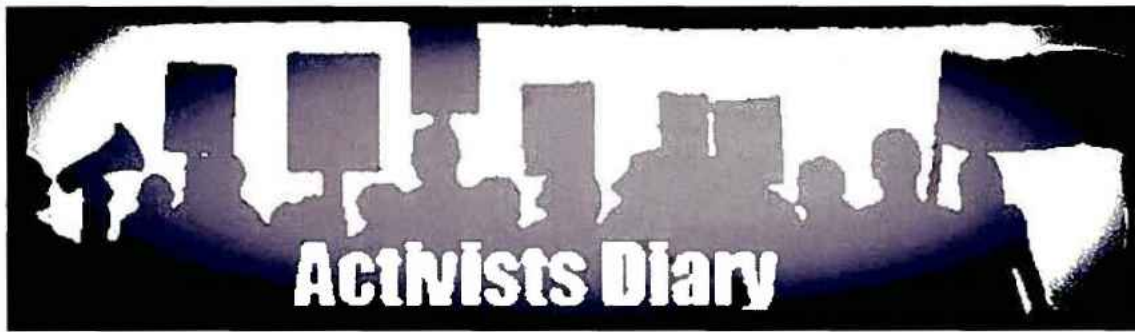
A post on CJT's Facebook page today showed an image of the whale being buried and a screen shot of the Tangaroa's movements on AIS. The image bore the caption "Another victim of the NIWA death ship Tangaroa" (see image below).

One of CJT's senior members commenting on the page said, "According to reports samples were taken from the Orca but I understand DOC rarely check the ear canal for damage. How many 'coincidences' of seismic survey ships operating at the same time whales strand and die will it take to get these deaths investigated properly? This dead Orca was young and healthy."

Another victim of the NIWA death ship ✕ Tangaroa ✕

Despite the best efforts of the Patea community to save her, the young female Orca stranded last night, died during the night.





20-22 March: Petroleum Conference Protests

Greenpeace New Zealand, again supported by smaller regional issue motivated groups is promising an escalation of protest against the 2016 NZ Petroleum Conference at Auckland's SkyCity on 20-22 March.

Greenpeace is calling for members of the public to take part in a co-ordinated demonstration of peaceful civil disobedience against this event, but is refusing to give any more specific details about what is planned.

So far, 350 people have used the Facebook events page set up by Greenpeace for this protest to indicate they will be joining this protest. Greenpeace NZ has announced it will be holding a special four-hour briefing somewhere in Auckland on 20 March for anyone protesting.

The briefing starts at 1pm and will presumably involved some protest training in civil disobedience. Greenpeace has indicated it will provide a free lunch for those attending the briefing session.



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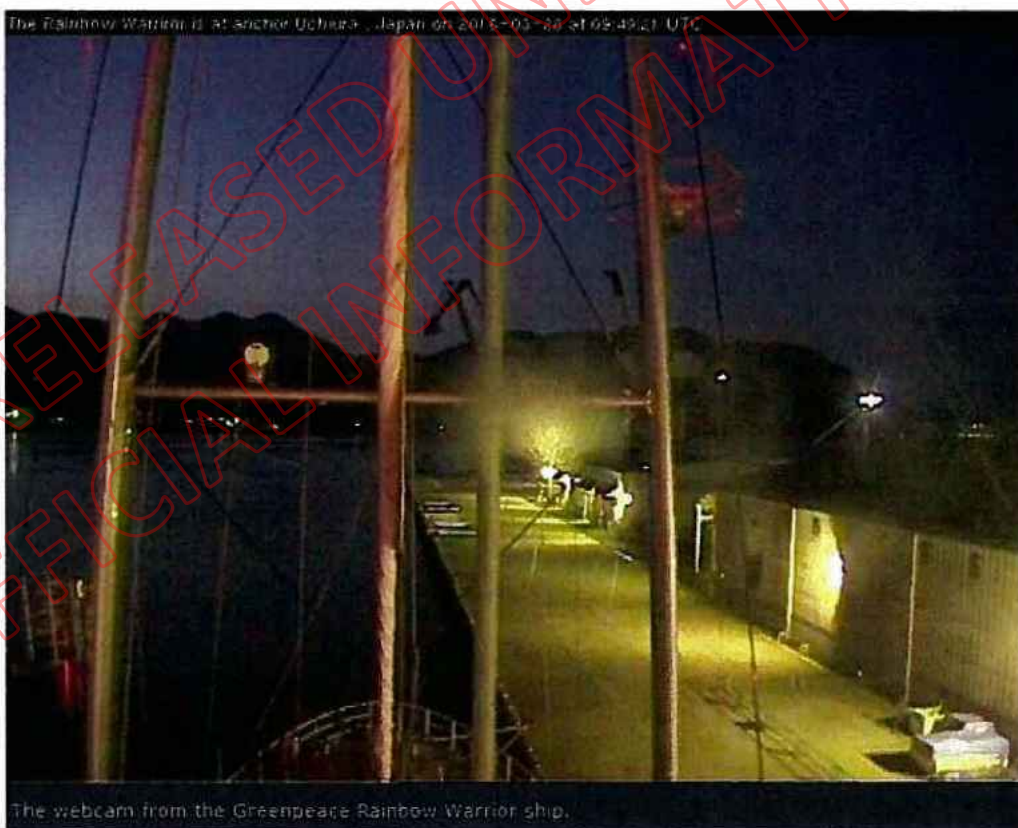
Lat/Lon: 35.45405° / 135.3213°: Uchiura, Japan, at anchor.

Arctic Sunrise:

Lat/Lon: 78.22948° / 15.60213°: Greenland Sea, at anchor.

Esperanza:

Lat/Lon: -33.91626° / 18.45397°: Cape Town, South Africa. Moored.



Worries Over Seismic Survey in Reserve

26 March

Seismic surveying in Taranaki's Marine Mammal Sanctuary could scare off or deafen the remaining Maui's dolphin population, claims one of New Zealand's leading marine mammal experts and who is a staunch opponent of such surveys.

The expert, who is an Otago University zoology professor, says studies in the United States had shown seismic testing could permanently damage the hearing of whales and dolphins.

"Because dolphins navigate with sound it would be the equivalent of blinding a human," she said. "Another reaction is that they would flee from the sanctuary, opening them up to a range of threats from predators outside that protected area."

Last Monday, the Minister for Energy and Resources announced 62,040 square-kilometres (sqkm) offshore in the Taranaki Basin would be up for tender for oil exploration as part of the 2016 Block Offer. Of that, about 2,600 sqkm is in the Marine Mammal Sanctuary, which was established in 2008 as part of the Hector and Maui's dolphin's threat management plan.

As part of the Threat Management Plan, Taranaki's coastline has been subject to set net restrictions and trawl observer coverage, in order to document sightings, since July 2012. After three years and more than \$80,000 spent looking for the elusive water mammals, there have apparently still been no sightings in Taranaki waters.

The World Wildlife Fund's (NZ) senior campaigner says it seemed at odds for the Government to introduce a sanctuary while simultaneously allowing further exploration into the same area. "This shouldn't be happening considering how close to extinction the Maui's dolphin are," he said. "We think this block offer announcement and subsequent oil exploration will have a massive effect on a species already so close to the edge."

However, the Minister says oil and gas industry and marine mammal life has successfully co-existed since the inception of petroleum activity in Taranaki.

"It's worth remembering that much of Taranaki's oil and gas is already in the sanctuary," he said. "The green NGO's are plain wrong, all of the evidence I have seen makes it very clear there has been no harm to the Maui's dolphin".



Greenpeace Call for Govt to 'Wake Up'

25 March

Northland's Greenpeace spokesman says the Government needs to "wake up to the fact there is no future in fossil fuels".

He said last Monday's display of civil disobedience protest at the Petroleum New Zealand Conference in Auckland should give people confidence that they can bring about change in a democracy - even if it means "dragging the Government, kicking and screaming into realising this country does not want or need its reckless energy strategy".

"It's recognised around the world that we have to transition away from fossil fuel," he said.

Several hundred people carried out the sit-down protest at the petroleum conference. It is the first time Greenpeace has invited the general public to take civil disobedience action en masse. Greenpeace's Northland spokesman was absent from the protest attending another event, but said the action was effective because it was disruptive, non-violent and well-organised.

Commenting on the latest Block Offer, Greenpeace NZ has accused the Government of "propping up a sunset industry" and making a "desperate, last-ditch bid to try to save their failing oil plans".

Greenpeace NZ's Northland spokesman said the block release was another

indication of the Government's failure to "lift a finger to curb greenhouse emissions" or live up to its commitment to the Paris Agreement, made at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference.

The latest block offer includes four offshore areas, Reinga-Northland Basin, Taranaki Basin, Pegasus and East Coast Basins, and Great South-Canterbury Basin, and one onshore area in Taranaki. The combined size is 525,515sq km, including the 1062sq km onshore area, making it the largest area released since the annual block offer started in 2012.



New Taranaki Issue Motivated Group

24 March

A new issue motivated group has been set up in Taranaki calling itself '100% Pure Taranaki'. Established by the organiser of the Taranaki branch of Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM), the new group says it will look at wider environmental issues in Taranaki, in addition to oil and gas.

The group has set up a Facebook page and has since its establishment last week has attracted 136 members already.

At present, however, the group's focus seems more on an impending 1080 poison

drop on Mt Taranaki as oppose to oil and gas operations.



100% Pure Taranaki

Public Group

Taranaki Activist Oil and Gas Tour - May

23 March

Although details are still sketchy, it appears oil and gas activists in Taranaki are planning to hold another tour of oil and gas site in the region.

According to a notice sent out to supporters of the group Oil Free Wellington, the intention is to hold this tour of sites sometime in May, although exact details have not been announced.

It is thought the tour will be organised by at least three issue motivated groups - Oil Free Wellington; Frack Free Kapiti and Beyond; and Climate Justice Taranaki. Similar tours have been held previously in the past.



Wellington IMG Promises More Protests

22 March

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington (OFW) has promised more protest action like that seen from Greenpeace NZ last week in Auckland when protesters blocked access to the 2016 Petroleum Conference.

Firstly, however, OFW says it needs to provide proper activist skills to the uninitiated, and to this end has arranged a day-long training session on 03 April in non-violent direct action techniques (see further item below).

Oil Free Wellington has a history of protesting against survey vessels while they are in port, and has in the past cooperated closely with Greenpeace NZ.

A statement released from OFW reads, "It is clear that the connection between oil exploration and climate change justifies putting ourselves in the way of business as usual.

"Protesters successfully used peaceful civil disobedience to show the growing opposition to the oil industry and the government's block offer process. The government announced over 500,000 square kilometres is available for oil companies to explore in the 2016 Block Offer.

"Chevron, Statoil and Anadarko have already got permits to explore for oil off Wellington's coast. Now the government is again offering up even more of the Pegasus Basin. We know we cannot burn the oil reserves that currently exist if we are to avoid runaway climate change, yet these oil companies and this government are still keen to put profit above people and the planet.

"It is just four months since the Paris climate talks celebrated a goal of keeping warming well below 2 degrees, while offering no binding pathways to get us there. This month, reports have shown that February has been even hotter than scientist expected, and last month Fiji faced the devastation of Cyclone Winston, the strongest tropical cyclone on record in the Southern Hemisphere".

Meanwhile, Oil Free Wellington has been displaying a large banner saying 'DeCO2lonise' on an outside wall of the Anarchist Centre in central Wellington.

The group's spokeswoman said, "Oil Free Wellington's banner DeCO2lonise suggests that the same exploitative systems that appropriated lands and resources from tangatawhenua here and elsewhere are echoed in the way the profits from fossil fuels and CO2 are being appropriated - while the negative effects of climate change are experienced much more by those who have benefited least.

"Prospecting for oil that will tip us further towards climate catastrophe is the act of climate criminals. Oil companies can expect increased resistance by people who

want real climate action," she added.



IMG Calls 2016 Block Offer 'Total Madness'

22 March

The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has condemned the latest Petroleum Exploration Block Offer as being "total madness".

A spokesman for the group claimed the government's announcement to open up a further 525,515km² of land and sea to oil and gas exploration was "total madness and completely irresponsible".

He claimed in a statement released by the group, onshore, most of the Taranaki region is now covered in permits and open to bidders. Offshore, he claimed, "everything is up for grabs", including 2,600km² of the critically endangered Maui's Dolphin sanctuary.

The block offer, he said, comes just days after the announcement that February 2016 was the hottest month since records began. "Words fail us," he said. "We have to leave fossil fuels in the ground and immediately transition to a low-carbon economy. We owe this to our planet, the fellow species we share this amazing place with and to future generations of humans."

"With a worldwide downturn in oil prices and little exploration currently taking place, it shows a desperation on the part of government and completely contradicts their stated goals to reduce emissions in line with global limits set late last year in Paris.

"We are energised by the global climate justice movement and take inspiration from the hundreds of people who blockaded the Sky City Convention Centre in Auckland where the block offers were announced by Minister of Energy and Resources. Together, we are organising for a future free of fossil fuels" the statement concluded.



Petroleum Conference Protest

21 March

Photos (below) from last Monday's protest against the 2016 Petroleum Conference at Auckland's Sky City Convention Centre. Greenpeace NZ claimed it attracted about 300 people to support the civil disobedience protest which involved blocking all the entrances to the convention centre in order to impede the access of delegates attending.

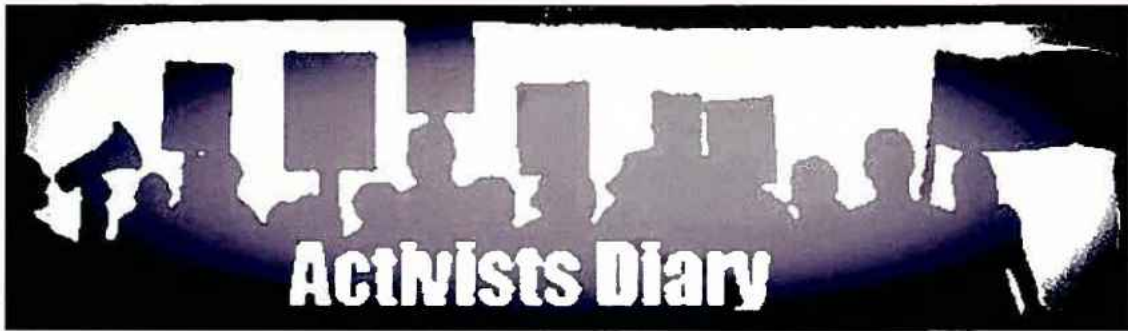
Greenpeace said instead of banners, the protesters carried red and white "Oil

Against Humanity” cards - a spin-off of the popular party game - Cards Against Humanity.

The cards posed a series of questions and answers about climate change, oil, and what Greenpeace claims is the New Zealand Government's collusion with the oil and gas industry. Greenpeace NZ's former Executive Director and who is now one of Greenpeace International's two Executive Directors based in Amsterdam, flew back to New Zealand to attend and support the protest.

Police removed some protesters from inside the convention centre, and some away from the doorways but declined to make any lasting arrests given the peaceful and passive nature of the protest.





03 April: Wellington Protest Training

Oil Free Wellington has organised another training day for people wanting to get involved in protest against the oil and gas industry. The day-long Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) workshop is being held at the Aro Valley Community Centre, 9am-3pm.

In a short notice promoting the training, the group said, "We'll go over some history and theory of NVDA, practical skills and dealing with police and legals, as well as roleplaying an action and some hands on practice with locks, etc."



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Oil Free Wellington held another protest training session over the weekend, conducting a workshop in Non Violent Direct Action techniques on Sunday 03 April. Such techniques include blockading entrances and using devices to lock onto machinery and plant.

The training ran from 9am - 2.30pm and was held at the Aro Valley Hall. Oil Free Wellington has yet to make any public comment about this training, or how many attended.



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Arctic Sunrise Webcam

The Arctic Sunrise! on 2015-04-03 at 11:46:49 GMT



The webcam from the Greenpeace Arctic Sunrise ship.

Iwi Wants to go to Oil Companies Direct

02 April

The chairman of Te Rarawa says the iwi is looking to conduct direct negotiations with oil companies in the wake of the 2016 Block Offer.

Te Rarawa has already established a relationship with oil company, Statoil and the iwi's chairman says it will have to resort to that tactic again with the latest Block Offer.

"If the government continues with their plans, it's only right that we continue talking with companies who are successful in obtaining (petroleum exploration) licenses", he said.

The Block Offer involves tenders for petroleum exploration off the coasts of Cape Reinga, Taranaki, East Coast, North Island, and the south east coast of the South Island and on-shore in Taranaki.

Greenpeace NZ's senior climate campaigner, however disagreed, saying, "A number of iwi and regional councillors explicitly said that they didn't want their area of ocean opened up, to deep sea drilling, and Simon Bridges has this morning, ignored that."

This position was supported by a prominent Te Rarawa activist who in speaking out against the iwi talking with oil companies directly, said, "If no one is going to

save our planet, then who will, and fossil fuels as we know is a primary contributor to climate crisis. It's not change, it's happening now and it's a crisis."



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01 April

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Taranaki Activist Defies Judge Again

31 March

A Taranaki woman who has been charged with stealing seismic survey pegs from

Shell Todd Oil Services' (STOS) Kapuni 3D survey was again stropky when she appeared in court for a second time in March.

The 48 year-old Maori woman again argued and defied the judge when she appeared in the Hawera District Court, refusing to enter the courtroom and challenging the court's authority to try her. The woman has demanded the Queen hear the case against her. The judge had to threaten her with arrest for contempt of court before she would comply, but even then she refused to stand in the dock and accused the judge of lying to her.

The woman was again accompanied by a group of supporters - some of whom rioted the last time the woman appeared in court. Five of them were arrested and have since appeared in court themselves on various charges relating to assaulting a police officer, resisting police, and disorderly behaviour. This time, however, the court was closed to the public and her supporters forced to wait outside, where they sang and waved Maori sovereignty flags.

The woman did not enter a plea to the two charges that on 14 December she received seismic pegs and a second theft charge dated 15 February. The woman contends STOS does not have authority to conduct the survey on a piece of land she claims she in fact owns.

She initially objected to being remanded at large until the term was explained to her, saying, "I object to it. I don't even know what it is but I object to it." After it was explained she agreed and left the court.

The judge told her that he expected her to enter a plea when she next appeared in court.

Another woman who has been jointly charged with her, failed to appear and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

Neither woman is a member of an organised anti-oil and gas issue motivated group (IMG), although some Taranaki IMGs are giving the woman moral support.

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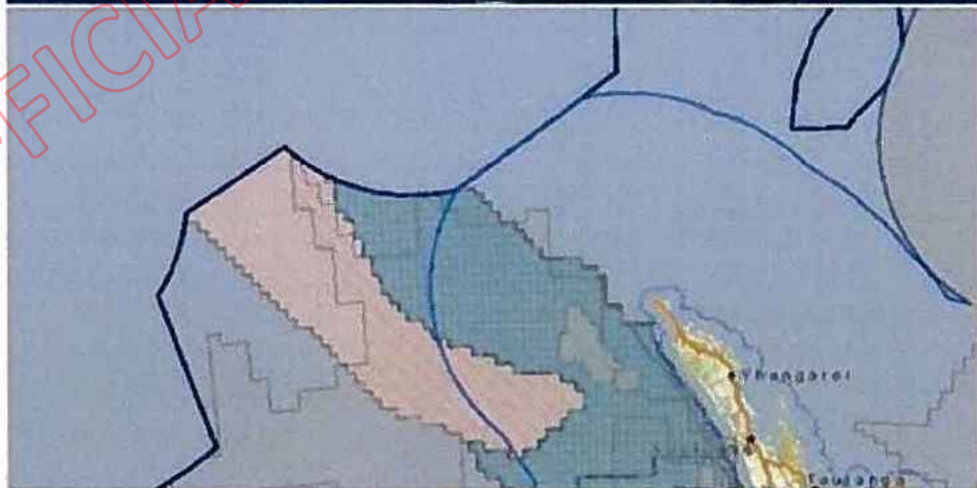
07 April

The image below relating to the recent seismic survey in the New Caledonia Basin by the Chinese research ship Hai Yang Shi You 718 was posted on a number of issue motivated group (IMG) Facebook pages this week.

It is a reminder that IMGs continue to monitor and track the movement of survey vessels associated with the the Oil and Gas Industry.

Good riddance to the Hai Yang Shi You 718!

After getting an extension to continue surveying in the 'Caledonia Basin' (pink area on the map) until 17 May the ship abruptly stopped its seismic survey and skedaddled back to China this week.



Dunedin IMG Cooments on Extension

07 April

Granting Anadarko an extension to its 'drill or drop' decision on deepwater drilling off Oamaru, would be like the "government spitting on the Paris Climate Agreement", said a spokeswoman from the Dunedin-based issue motivated group Oil Free Otago this week.

"This extension is a greedy leap in the wrong direction", she added when asked for comment from Dunedin's local Channel 39 TV.

See this link for the Channel 39 item: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkJfgjazEQY.



Activist Promotes Oil Protest Tactics

06 April

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner has been promoting the confrontational tactics captured this week in footage taken of attempts by French environmental protesters to shut down a summit being held in the French city of Pau on the development of deepwater drilling techniques by the French oil company, Total.

The footage includes a blockading tactic not seen here before where protesters carry large foam rubber shields to help them fend off and break through police lines, and also the wearing of plastic safety goggles to avoid being pepper sprayed in the eyes (see images and link below).

Such comments from this particular activist are however not unusual. For example, during Anadarko's 2014 exploratory drilling programme he threatened to go to jail in breach of the Government's new measures to limit protest at sea, although that did not happen.

See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_4qwtkYWjY



University Divestment Protest

06 April

Auckland University students who are wanting the university to divest from fossil fuels held a mock graduation ceremony where mock degrees covered in oil were handed out to students in protest at the university's failure to adopt a divestment policy.

Student group Fossil Free University of Auckland held the ceremony in the University quad in front of around 100 students, claiming the university was undermining its students' research into climate change by investing in the companies they claim are causing the damage.

"It is a shame and an embarrassment that the University of Auckland doesn't have its money where its mouth is on climate change", said Fossil Free University of

Auckland's co-leader, at the protest.

"Despite supporting our research, they continue to invest money given in good faith by alumni into fossil fuel companies that undermine our future and are the most significant drivers of climate change," she said.

The students, dressed in graduation robes, received large mock degrees for climate research, only for oil to be poured over them in front of the crowd. The officiator of the ceremony declaring, "With compliments of Shell, BP and Exxon Mobil."

The group says the University of Auckland is one of the universities in New Zealand without an ethical investment policy for its \$80 million Endowment Foundation. Victoria and Otago Universities have both divested their foundations from fossil fuel companies.

The group's co-leader said that, "it's time for the University of Auckland to honour its commitment to sustainability, and catch up to world leading universities like Stanford, London School of Economics, and the Australian National University by divesting from the fossil fuel industry."



Survey Protest Rioters Appear in Court

05 April

Six people charged following an oil and gas-related protest that turned into a riot outside the Hawera District Court last month were labeled as a "rent-a-riot" crowd by a District Court judge this week.

On Tuesday all six charged following the riot on 01 March, refused to enter pleas and all but one refused to enter the dock when first asked, as they appeared at the court they had protested against one month before.

The group was supporting two Manaia women when the pair appeared on 01 March to face charges relating to the theft of seismic survey pegs belonging to Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) during a survey on 14 December last year.

They objected when one of the women was removed from court for arguing with the Judge and five of them were arrested after their protest turned into a riot outside the court as they took on police trying to clear a path for the prison van carrying the woman back to the Hawera Police Cells.

On Tuesday the group still remained defiant. One woman cried out "On what grounds? On what grounds?" as one of the rioters entered the courtroom first. Dressed in all black, he made it known to the court he was entering the dock under duress and made repeated requests to know whether the hearing was being recorded.

The Judge refused to acknowledge the requests and proceeded to enter not guilty pleas by default, to all charges. The courtroom was closed to the public and there was an increased level of court and police security to pre-empt any further altercations. Five of the six rioters charged refused legal representation.

The exception was one woman who was charged for assault on a police officer using a wooden flag pole. She also appeared on separate charges relating to three breaches of her community detention order, which related to \$16,000 outstanding in unpaid fines. She asked for home detention at her address in Manaia.

However the judge was unimpressed with the woman's requests for leniency considering her involvement with the group openly defying the judicial process.

"You are part of the rent-a-riot out there. I'm interested that you're parroting exactly what the riff-raff said and now you're wanting to wriggle, wanting protection by this system. You can't have it both ways," he said. The Judge remanded the woman in custody overnight and ordered a defended trial to be scheduled for the following day.

In terms of the other rioters- one was charged with resisting police and disorderly behaviour; another was charged with assaults police and speaking threateningly and resisting police; another was charged with disorderly behaviour and resisting police; another was charged with assault on a police officer, resisting police and disorderly behaviour; and another was charged with disorderly behaviour and

resisting police. Two of those charged are women. All are Maori with family ties to the two women charged with stealing the survey pegs.

All five were remanded off for a criminal case review on 24 May.

Photo below: a scene from last month's courthouse riot.



Activists Target Family Beach Property

04 April

Activists from the issue motivated group Frack Free Kapiti have erected a large anti-fracking protest sign near a beach front property owned by one of New Zealand's wealthiest families, the Todd family.

The sign calls on people to "tell the Todd family to stop fracking New Zealand". It refers to the family's investments in the oil and gas company, Todd Energy.

In a statement released this week, Frack Free Kapiti referred to the decision by Todd Energy to mothball its Mangahewa-E site in Taranaki. The statement said:

"Todd Energy have shut down one of their large multi-welled fracking sites in Taranaki. After nearly two years of construction, drilling, fracking and flaring at the Mangahewa-E site in Taranaki, they have closed it down and walked away.

"Mothballed is how Todd Energy representatives put it at a community information meeting in Tikorangi this week. Todd have been having a lot of problems getting gas out of the Mangahewa field sometimes producing saline fluid and little else, and while Todd Energy have reported wanting to reduce the need for hydraulic fracturing (fracking), they have been ramping it up. Just this year,

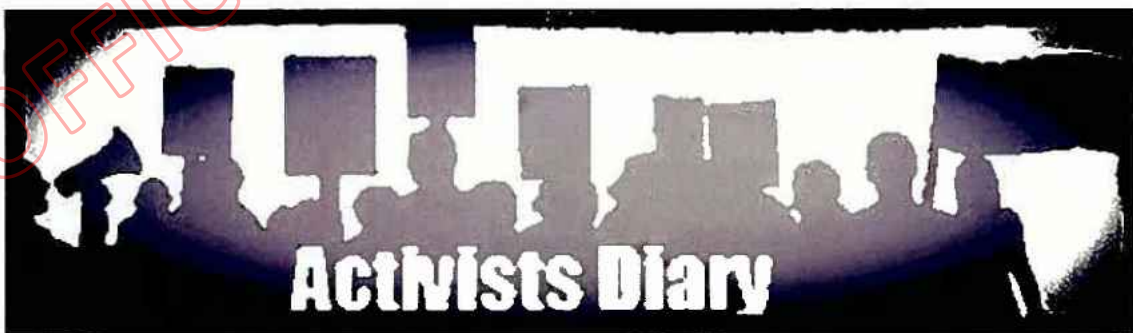
Todd have notified residents in Tikorangi of 24 separate fracking procedures and that's just at one well pad - (Mangahewa-C). Over the same period, Frack Free Kapiti have been calling on the Todd family to stop fracking New Zealand. We have erected a large notice near the Todd's beach property asking the public to 'Tell the Todd's to Stop Fracking New Zealand'.

"Frack Free Kapiti are pleased that one of the fracking sites has been closed down and we think the Todd family are getting the message that kiwis know fracking is not good for our environment, for our communities, or for our future".

Frack Free Kapiti says it will continue to encourage citizens to let the Todd family know it wants them to close down all their fracking activities and move to the development of clean and renewable energy.

"Fracked gas is not a clean transition fuel. Fracked gas is as dirty as coal and possibly even more so, according to experts at Cornell University in the US. Coal, oil and gas are fossil fuels and we must move away from them and onto clean energy without delay," a spokeswoman for Frack Free Kapiti added.

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Changes at Greenpeace - New Broom?

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A number of staffing changes have been taking place at Greenpeace New Zealand this year, which has seen a number of "old hands" moving on from the job and replaced with younger, more militant activists.

This may be an indication of the more militant approach promised by Greenpeace NZ's new Executive Director when he took over the organisation late last year, saying the organisation needed to engage in greater levels of direct protest.

In a summary of the changes that have been wrought since Greenpeace NZ's new Executive Director has taken over, the organisation's Wellington-based policy advisor for the past five years has left and not been replaced.

The same has occurred with Greenpeace NZ's senior Ocean Campaigner who has led a number Greenpeace International's ocean campaigns - including its world wide tuna campaign. She has just left the role this month, and also not been replaced, despite holding the role for the past 10 years.

Meanwhile two of Greenpeace NZ's more junior staff at its Auckland head office, but who have a recent track record of engaging in direct action protest and arrest, have been promoted to climate campaigners from their respective positions as data specialist and volunteer coordinator.



Taranaki Group Challenges District Rules

16 April

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) says it is trying to raise \$25,000 so it can challenge the South Taranaki District Council's rules around the operations of the oil and gas industry.

TEW says it is currently preparing for hearings next month with the South Taranaki District Council (STDC) on oil and gas rules. The STDC is proposing rules on hazardous substance management, separation distances and human health impacts that TEW says "are great for the oil and gas industry but totally inadequate to protect the health and safety of district residents".

The group claims if these rules "pass muster in South Taranaki", then the Stratford and New Plymouth District Councils are poised to roll out identical rules. There's also a strong possibility the Minister of the Environment will rule out comparable rules nationally that will supersede all local rule making, TEW claims.

TEW says it is determined to ensure this process is "stopped in its tracks" - by demanding best overseas standards in hazardous substance management, separation distances and human health monitoring.

It will be far less complicated and costly to ensure that one council (STDC) adopts appropriate and safe rules than to fight three councils simultaneously - and possibly the National government, says TEW.

The group says it hopes to head this process off by engaging nationally prominent lawyers and scientists with the highest level of expertise in their respective areas.

TEW says its "best estimate" is that it needs to raise \$25,000 by 01 May. To date, the group says it has raised \$7,000 and has \$18,000 to go.



Criticism of Petroleum Conference Funding

10 April

Both the Green Party and Greenpeace NZ have been highly critical of the fact the government contributed \$100,000 towards the cost of holding the 2016 Petroleum Conference in Auckland, which was targeted for protest last month.

The Greens say it is further proof that National is "pulling out all stops to woo the fossil fuel industry while ignoring renewable resources".

The money was granted to the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association New Zealand to host the conference. There have previously been two petroleum conferences held every year in New Zealand - one hosted by the government and one by the industry. That was not practical, so they had been combined - and the government agreed to subsidise the industry conference. The new combined conference has allowed a meeting of the minds for both industry and government to discuss regulations and possible improvements.

But the Greens are claiming the \$100,000 is "just the tip of the iceberg" and that millions of dollars in grants and tax breaks are going into an industry that made \$2 billion profit a year .

The Green Party claims the money for the conference followed on from \$43,587 spent on a data pack for the oil and gas industry, \$237,000 National spent entertaining industry executives, \$850,000 spent on previous industry conferences, and \$94 million of tax breaks during the period 2008 to 2013.

This position is unsurprisingly supported by Greenpeace NZ, whose Executive Director said, "If you take climate change seriously, you need to move dramatically away from burning fossil fuels. It was inappropriate for the government to continue to engage in this type of activity".



Northland Activists Visit Taranaki Hapu

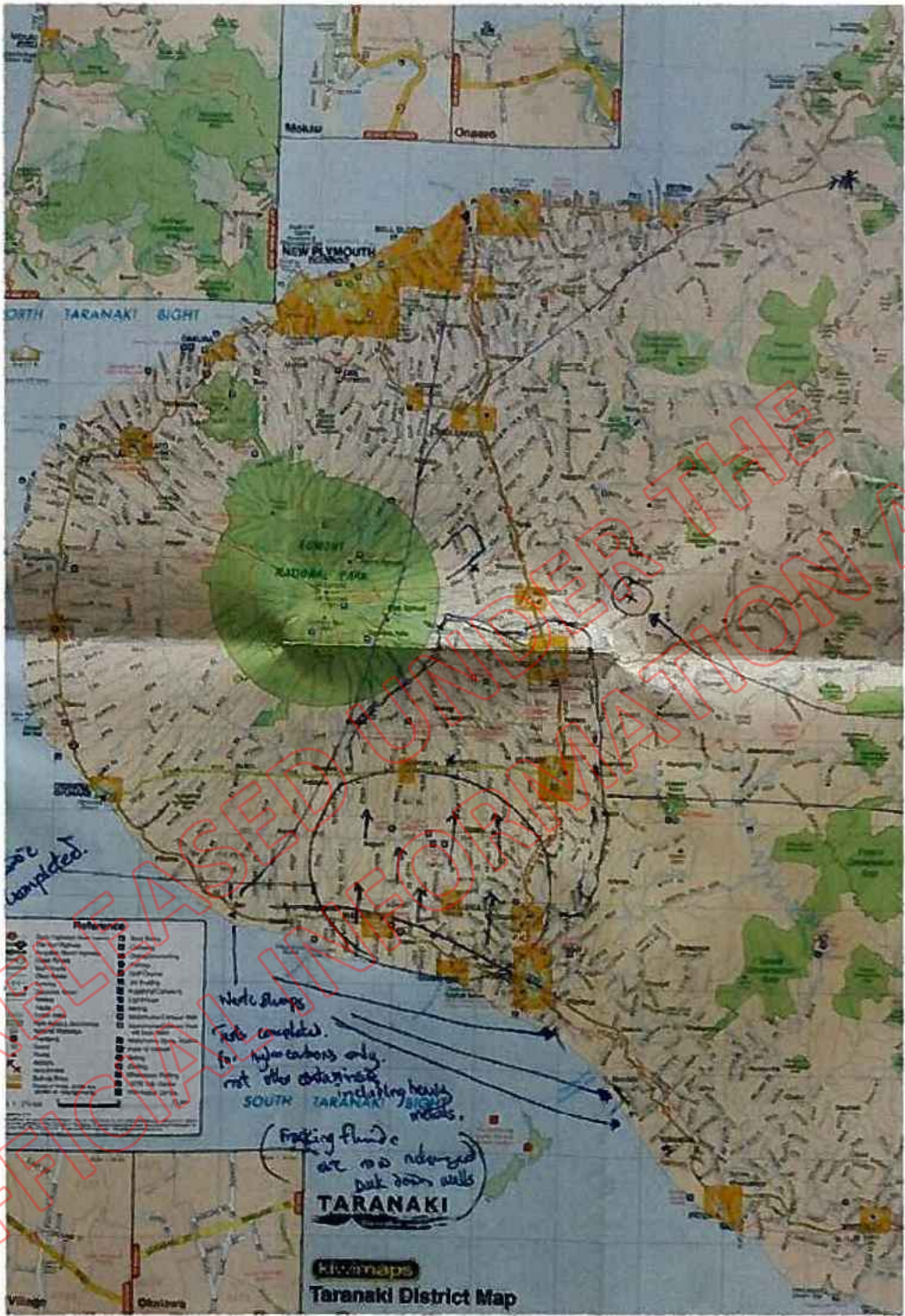
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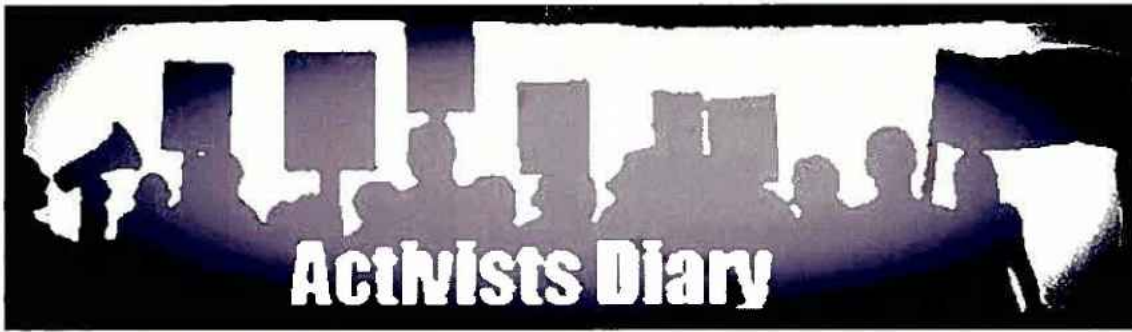
Two Northland activists who have been prominent in the campaign of protest against Statoil in Northland visited Taranaki recently to talk to Hapu in the Waitara area.

One of the activists works as Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner and Maori liaison officer. It appears they spent a weekend talking to a small element of hapu who have adopted a militant approach in opposing the operations of the oil and gas industry in Taranaki.

There has been little public announcement of the meeting apart from some photographs which have appeared on social media (see below). However, it appears the meeting was more about discussing and understanding the level of industry activity and operations in Taranaki, as opposed to organising protest.

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Weekly Situation Report

Oil and Gas Activism



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Threat Level

The assessed level of threat from issue-motivated group (IMG) 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 over the past week. It looks at risks to current Industry operations and events, and at trends and developments both domestically and overseas (where relevant). It is based on open and public sources of information.

Greenpeace Vessel Locations

25 April

Greenpeace International's Marine Division operates three ocean-going campaign vessels, in addition to a number of smaller coastal craft. These are, its flagship Rainbow Warrior III; Arctic Sunrise; and Esperanza (the largest).

This is in addition to Greenpeace NZ's small fleet of Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats normally stored at its Auckland head offices and used for protests and promotional events. There has been no recent public or open source information about their whereabouts or operations. They are usually stored at Greenpeace NZ's Auckland head office basement.

Current known locations of Greenpeace International's campaign vessels are:

Rainbow Warrior III

Lat/Lon: 29.12104° /122.993: East China Sea. Underway.

Arctic Sunrise

Lat/Lon: 53.86629° /8.712597: Cuxhaven, Germany. Moored.

Esperanza

Lat/Lon: 52.09907° /4.2657: North Sea. Stopped.

Esperanza webcam

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The webcam from the Greenpeace Esperanza ship.

Greenpeace Attacks Govt's Climate Plan

24 April

Greenpeace NZ has slammed NZ's climate plan; calling it a "sham" on the eve of the government signing the Paris Climate Agreement which commits New Zealand to lowering its pollution emissions by 11 percent of what they were in 1990, by 2030.

Greenpeace NZ claims the signing was "nothing but a PR stunt" for the National Government, because it has no real plans to lower pollution.

"Until (the government) does something real, like enforce the shutdown of New Zealand's last remaining coal burners at Huntly Power Station, then jetting off around the world to sign a piece of paper is largely meaningless," Greenpeace NZ's senior climate campaigner based in Wellington, said.

Last August, Genesis Energy, announced it would be closing the coal part of the Huntly Power Station by the end of 2018, saying New Zealand didn't need it and it was too expensive to run.

However, Greenpeace NZ claims three months ago it was revealed that several of New Zealand's electricity providers, including Meridian Energy, had been meeting with Genesis Energy to find a way to keep the coal units running.

"I'm sure the National Government would say Huntly's coal burners aren't their problem. But we're talking about a fight to keep the dirtiest fuel in the world alive in New Zealand in 2016 - the Government can't wash their hands of this," Greenpeace says.

"The extent of National's climate change action plan is to keep drilling, fracking and burning coal, whilst offsetting our pollution by trading shonky carbon credits bought from organised crime gangs in Russia. It's a complete sham."

Earlier last week, Greenpeace says a report from the Morgan Foundation revealed the NZ Government had been allowing businesses to buy fraudulent carbon credits from Russia and the Ukraine in order to 'offset' their emissions. It has been claimed these countries use loopholes in international rules to create millions of false carbon credits that have no environmental benefit, and then sell them at bargain rates to the world market.

Greenpeace claims this is just another in a long line of examples of the National Government "ruining our international reputation" when it comes to the climate.

Greenpeace claims if the government was sincere about the promises it made at the UN Paris Climate last year, it would not allow further expansion of fossil fuels and would invest in clean energy like wind and solar.

Greenpeace claims that under the National Government, New Zealand's emissions have actually increased. It says New Zealand has had almost eight years to cut pollution, and in that time the government has failed to introduce a single piece of law to reduce climate pollution.

See: www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1604/S00302/nzs-climate-plan-slammed-as-a-sham.htm

Paris 2015 Getting a global agreement on climate change



Direct Action Leader Back in New Role

22 April

Greenpeace NZ's (GPNZ) former Head of Direct Action Protest has rejoined the organisation in a new senior role responsible for leading the vision and strategic direction of the whole organisation.

The appointment is the latest in a series of staff changes that continues to shake up the organisation as it strives to adopt a more aggressive role under its new Executive Director who has promised a greater emphasis on direct action.

Based in Auckland, the new role of Programme Director is a senior position and is part of Greenpeace NZ's senior management team (SMT), reporting to GPNZ's Executive Director. The Programme Director is tasked to provide leadership, vision

and strategic direction for the Programme Department, and the organisation as a whole.

According to the job description the Programme Director is responsible for the planning, design and delivery of Greenpeace NZ's programme of campaign, mobilisation, communication, investigations and non-violent direct actions (NVDAs), and for the management of the Programme Department.

The Programme Director's role, says GPNZ, is to ensure that the organisation is "running a highly innovative programme, encouraging experimentation and maximising this potential by ensuring that the programme team works effectively across the organisation".

The advertisement for the job stated that this position will ensure that overall GPNZ's programme mix "builds profile, relevancy and agency amongst our supporter base and beyond, and also contributes effectively to the global change we aim for as a global organisation".

GPNZ also says the Programme Director role demands high level management skills and contributes in a senior capacity to building organisational culture and organisational strategic decision making.

GPNZ also says the ideal candidate has to possess the following experience, attributes and competencies:

- Strategist and innovative thinker about how to make change
- Understands the roles that science, politics, social change, economics, society and culture play in making change
- Advanced analysis and problem solving skills
- Understanding of the media advocacy needs of a campaigning organisation
- Experience in public engagement (mobilisation of people)
- Experience in social media and digital communication
- High level of media competency, able to act as a media spokesperson
- In-depth knowledge of local, regional politics or socio-economic environment
- Strong strategic campaigning experience
- Highly developed relationship building and networking skills
- Values and supports diversity and inclusion
- Demonstrated experience in creating and developing effective teams

In addition, the successful candidate will have a tertiary qualification in a relevant field, and experience at a senior level in a campaigning organisation (or similar).

In between leaving Greenpeace as Head of Direct Action Protest and taking up his new position at the organisation, GPNZ's new Programme Director has still been working for the organisation on a casual and part-time basis, delivering Direct Action protest skills at Greenpeace workshops. His partner also works at

Greenpeace as the organisation's National Coordinator of Volunteers.



Activist Tour of Taranaki Sites

21 April

In response to its claim that "Taranaki is a front-line community in the struggle for climate justice in Aotearoa" the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington says it has organised a tour next month of Taranaki oil and gas sites.

Oil Free Wellington says it has organised the tour 13-15 May so people can "see and understand the damage happening firsthand, and to show solidarity with the community, who for years have fought the oil and gas industry".

Oil Free Wellington says the tour will be leaving central Wellington (location to be confirmed) at 5.30pm on Friday 13 May and returning at 4.30pm on Sunday 15 May.

On Saturday, and possibly Sunday morning, the group says it will have a guided tour of both North and South Taranaki by "grassroots groups resisting the oil and gas industry in the area".

Oil Free Wellington says this will be a "fantastic opportunity to see the fracking and processing sites in the region and hear stories from the community of the impact of this destructive industry".

The group says it will be organising shared accommodation (likely cabins or similar), transport there and back and meals. This trip will cost Oil Free Wellington around \$120 per person to hold.

This is not the first time a tour of Taranaki oil and gas sites have been undertaken by activists, although it is a first by Oil Free Wellington. Previous tours have been conducted by a local issue motivated group - Climate Justice Taranaki - and

last time involved a blockade of a tanker trying to leave a production facility (see photo below, February 2015).



Something We May See Here?

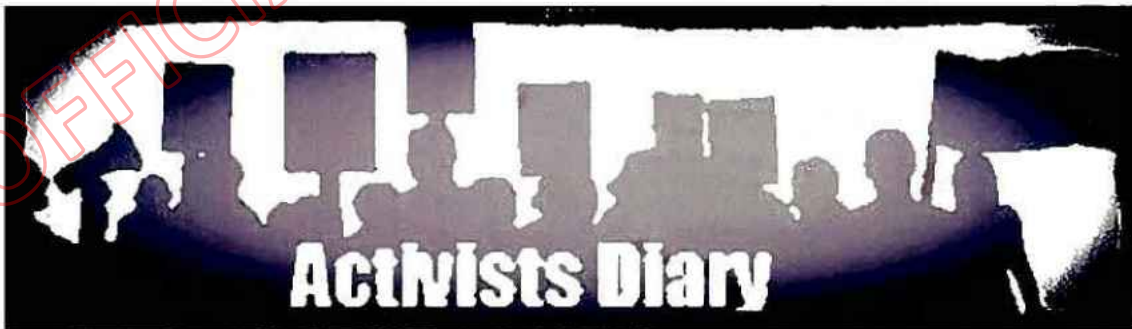
19 April

In a publicity stunt that Greenpeace may try here, activists from the British branch of the organisation dressed famous statues across London with gas masks in a protest against air pollution.

In a protest that saw at least eight Greenpeace activists arrested, the organisation covered the faces of statues of Sir Winston Churchill, Lord Nelson, Oliver Cromwell, the Duke of Wellington, Queen Victoria, and Sherlock Holmes with breathing masks in a protest about air quality in London.

Other environmental activists 'masked' a number of landmarks including the statue of Eros at Piccadilly Circus and the statue of Arsenal FC legend Thierry Henry outside the Emirates Stadium in north London.

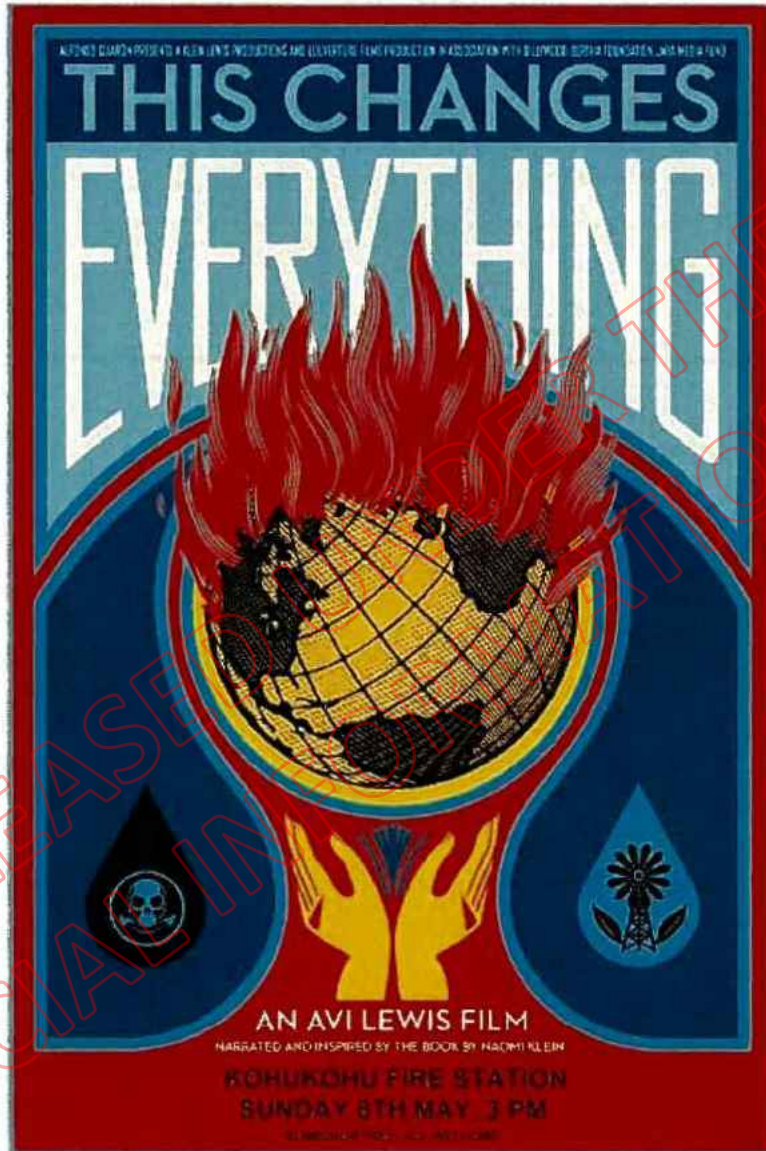
In all, a total of 17 statues across London were targeted but the response was perhaps not what Greenpeace was looking when thousands of people took to social media to vent their anger at the stunt in central London. Criticism included such comments as, "They better not damage the column or statue. Arrest them and jail them." and "I trust that the work-shy Greenpeace wasters illegally scaling Nelson's Column appreciate what a drain on police resources they are."



08 May: Northland Climate Film Event

Climate activists in Northland are holding a second viewing of Avi Lewis's documentary produced in conjunction with Naomi Klein's bestselling book of the

same name, "This Changes Everything". Having screened the film in Rawene, it is now being shown in Kohukohu on 08 May at the Kohukohu Fire Station at 3pm. Admission is free. This event is being put on by the Hokianga Environmental Protection Group.



07-13 May: Nationwide Disruptive Protests

The issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa has announced it will be targeting a major bank for disruptive protests during May because of that institution's financing of companies engaged in the oil and gas industry.

While 350 Aotearoa hasn't announced which bank will be targeted, it has dropped strong hints it will be the ANZ. 350 Aotearoa says it plans to disrupt a branch of the

bank in Christchurch on 07, May; a branch in Wellington on 11 May, in Dunedin on 12 May, and another branch in Auckland on 13 May.

The protests are part of a worldwide series of such actions planned between 04-16 May called 'Break Free' and which is made up of strategically chosen actions by 350.org targeting what it calls "key fossil fuel funders" in order to put pressure on decision-makers to keep fossil fuels in the ground.

A statement from 350 Aotearoa says, *"In Aotearoa, some of the biggest climate villains are the banks. Over the last several years, the people of Aotearoa have shown that we feel the same about new fossil fuel projects as we do about nuclear power. They have no place here! Meanwhile, the banks are using our money to profit from the climate crisis. The "big four" Aussie banks operating in Aotearoa have a total of \$38.5 billion invested in coal, oil and gas projects. It's time for them to break free from fossil fuels!"*



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1. Protest Action is unlikely.	LOW (Green)	Normal Routine Protective Security measures are applied appropriate to the individual & current circumstances.
2. Protest Action is possible.	MODERATE (Blue)	
3. Obstructive & Direct Action protest is feasible and may occur.	ELEVATED (Yellow)	Heightened 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.	HIGH (Orange)	
5. Illegal or obstructive Direct Action protest to sabotage operations is imminent.	SEVERE (Red)	
		Exceptional Maximum Protective Security measures required to minimise vulnerabilities & risk.

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