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## Weekly Situation Report

### Oil and Gas Activism



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## **Maori 'Pay' For Fraudulent Carbon Credits**

**29 April**

Greenpeace NZ's Maori spokesman on climate change (and who is also the organisation's Northland Climate Campaigner) claims the Government's failure to stop New Zealand companies and state owned enterprises buying fraudulent carbon credits has cost Maori forest owners hundreds of millions of dollars.

Proportional to its emissions, New Zealand was the largest purchaser of Ukrainian and Russian credits which did not represent true emissions reductions. That crashed the price of New Zealand units, including those held by Maori forest owners, he says.

Greenpeace says it has also meant the Government has claimed it's fulfilling its international obligations, even though emissions of greenhouse gasses continue to rise.

"It's obviously not moving in the right direction," Greenpeace's Maori spokesman says. "We've got Paula Bennett going off to Paris to sign the climate change agreement and at the same time they're opening up our country to fossil fuel extraction, so there's a lot of smoke and mirrors going on, they appear to be doing things, but what they are doing is pretty much useless and in the meantime climate change just keeps ramping up," he said.

See here for the full interview he gave this week to Radio Waatea News:

[www.waateanews.com/waateanews?story\\_id=MTMONTQ=](http://www.waateanews.com/waateanews?story_id=MTMONTQ=)



## **Greenpeace Eyes Up Coal 'Battle'**

**28 April**

Greenpeace NZ appears to be shifting some of its focus away from the oil and gas industry and is instead gearing up for a protest campaign against a decision to extend the life of Genesis Energy's coal-burning Huntly Power Station, in the

Waikato.

Apart from staging this promotional protest photo outside Genesis Energy's Auckland head offices this week (see photo below), Greenpeace NZ has launched an online campaign against Genesis Energy in the form of online petition which has garnered more than 14,500 signatures. Greenpeace's tactics invariably begin with a social media campaign, involving such things as an online petition.

Then as this starts to provide public awareness of the issue (although not achieving change) Greenpeace will seek to escalate its campaign by acts of non-violent direct action (NVDA) to keep the momentum going and the issue before the public; while feeding the media with newsworthy stories.

Greenpeace NZ is very unhappy with the announcement this week that the iconic Huntly Power Station is likely to continue burning coal to generate electricity until 2022. The chances of the organisation targeting Genesis Energy for protest appear very high.



## Survey Activist Reappears in Court

**27 April**

The Maori activist at the centre of a riot in Hawera in early March, in which five people were arrested and a police officer injured, has reappeared in the Hawera District Court. Her appearance this time was remarkably subdued to the last two disruptive appearances she has made.

The woman faces charges of theft and receiving over the removal of Shell Todd Oil Service's seismic survey pegs in December 2015 and February this year.

In March, five people were arrested after a protest outside the court in support of the activist and her female co-accused who is from the same Taranaki hapu.

At her latest appearance (given the trouble caused previously) the activist appeared in closed court and was flanked by police and court security staff, while Maori wardens patrolled outside the building. The judge did not require the woman to enter a plea and remanded her at large until next month.

On this occasion (unlike the previous occasions when she has appeared in court) the woman did not seek to challenge the court's legitimacy or create a disturbance.



## Exploration in Culturally Sensitive Areas

**26 April**

Maori Television last week broadcast an item looking at how can Maori protect culturally significant whenua when the government grants an oil exploration permits in that area.

The item in question focussed on the case of the Otaraua hapu of Te Atiawa which has unsuccessfully tried to halt Greymouth Petroleum from developing its Kowhai D well site in the Waitara Valley. Maori Television described the "hurt" the hapu felt over exploration in its whenua as being as "deep as the oil wells threatening their past".

The hapu (supported by Heritage NZ) believes the famous Te Atiawa chief Te Rangitake, who led Maori in the Taranaki Land Wars in the 1860s, was buried in the

area.

The Environment Court however in January rejected that argument, stating at the time that Heritage NZ came to its decision to deny the Greymouth Petroleum to develop the site, it had "uncritically accepting the information" provided to it by the hapu.

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## It's Not Easy Being Green

25 April

Greenpeace NZ's most senior climate campaigner who has lead the campaign against oil and gas has publicly blasted the Green Party as being "lame" - despite his new boss at the organisation being a former Green Party co-leader.

In a public post on Facebook this week, he said, "*Our major political problem in this country is not a corrupt government it's a totally lame opposition. Neither Andrew Little nor the new Green co-leader James Shaw inspire the necessary indignation and revolt in the heart of the people. They are insipid mumbler and I cannot name any policy distinctions between them and the Government. I don't know what these people stand for!*"

The post was of course made on his personal page and not as a spokesman for Greenpeace, but provides an interesting insight to what one of Greenpeace's top campaigners thinks of what is usually regarded as one of the organisation's best "allies".



## 05 May: Maui Dolphin Challenge

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## **Chch Climate Protesters Blockade Bank**

**07 May**

Climate protesters in Christchurch from the issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa shut down the Riccarton branch of the ANZ bank after they blocked all exits and entrances to the building. The group is claiming that the ANZ Bank is one of the largest funders of fossil fuels industries in the world, with a claimed \$13.5 billion invested in fossil fuel extraction operations in the Pacific area since 2008.

About 30 protesters from 350 Aotearoa blocked all entrances and exits to the bank (front and rear) forcing the branch to close until the protesters decided to leave. The police were called but did not attempt to remove or arrest the activists when the bank decided to not open for the day after the activists took up positions at all the entrances before opening time.

In a statement, 350 Aotearoa's Auckland-based full-time Director said, "ANZ funds climate change, so business as usual cannot continue. We've asked them nicely....many times....and they haven't acted. So we have shut down the Riccarton Branch today".

350 Aotearoa staged a protest in an Auckland ANZ bank earlier this week by holding a five minute incident-free, 'climate change beach party' at the Queen Street branch, and plans further protests against the ANZ this month in Wellington and Dunedin.



## **Greenpeace Opens up a new Front**

**04 May**

Greenpeace NZ targeted the ACC's Wellington Molesworth Street offices this week for protest by blocking the main entrance with eight heavy duty containers of liquid dairy farm waste in the opening shots of a new battle in what it says is an effort to preserve the quality and availability of New Zealand's rivers.

Greenpeace said the six thousand tonnes of waste fluids it dumped outside the ACC in secure industrial containers represented the large scale pollution of New Zealand's waterways by the dairy industry.

The protest, which saw Greenpeace activists dressed as workmen deliver the containers before dawn, was designed to draw attention to what Greenpeace claims is the ACC's unjustified investment in the Ruataniwha irrigation scheme in Hawke's Bay. Greenpeace believes large-scale irrigation projects such as the Ruataniwha scheme will lead to industrial dairy expansion, causing increased river pollution.

Greenpeace's newly-appointed Auckland-based Agriculture Campaigner said, "This pollution will only get worse if Government departments like ACC throw taxpayers' money at irrigation schemes like Ruataniwha that expand the industrial dairy sector."

She then referred the news media to Greenpeace's petition calling on the Government to stop funding industrial scale irrigation schemes, like the plans for Ruataniwha and the Central Plains Water Scheme in Canterbury.

ACC however denied any knowledge of investment in the project. Greenpeace removed the containers of waste from the building's entrance eight hours after it had placed them there. The protest was orderly and without the need for any arrests. In an interesting aside, which reflects Greenpeace NZ's recent shift in protest emphasis to new areas such as rivers and waterways, the activist who is now Greenpeace's Agriculture Campaigner (a new position) was until recently deployed organising community engagement against deep sea oil exploration.



## **IMG Exploits Unexploded Charges Fears**

**03 May**

Taranaki issue motivated groups opposed to the oil and gas industry are exploiting claims that local landowners with undetonated seismic survey explosives on their properties face up to 10 years of monitoring and restrictions on land use, and the possibility it is recorded on their Land Information Memorandum (LIM) report.

Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) has this week, for example, claimed that the "undetonated explosives can be likened to land mines and this affects the families that live there long term."

Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) is surveying 450 square kilometres in the Kapuni field in South Taranaki and laying 24,000 seismic charges or 48 tonnes of explosives. There has so far been more than 7100 seismic shots detonated, and only 14 of

which have failed to fire.

At least another 28 live charges are lying dormant in a Kapuni farmer's land after he revoked his consent. The farmer initially gave the company access permission, but is now refusing to let it detonate the explosives. He wants the charges removed, claiming it was possible to bore a hole beside the charges and extract them. But he accepts this will cost a lot to do. The charges weigh about 2kg and are set on average 14 metres underground.

WorkSafe's General Manager of Operations and Support Services agrees too, but has pointed out this is not a regulatory requirement and in WorkSafe's opinion the risk of leaving them in the ground is low.

In an email to the Taranaki Regional Council, STOS said it expected the explosives to be inert between two and three years, but that it monitored misfire locations for 10 years. This enabled the company to ensure certain, unspecified, activities were not undertaken at the location and to protect the health and safety of people, along with assessing whether the charge had gone off.

The South Taranaki District Council Environmental Services Planning Manager said he was not sure whether the misfired explosives would be recorded on a property's LIM report.

A spokeswoman for Taranaki Energy Watch said the confusion was bad news for property owners. "They have undetonated explosives on their land that can be likened to land mines and this affects the families that live there long term and yet neither of these councils has informed the landowners of the risks and here we are with 14 properties that are potentially going to have them recorded on their LIMs," she said.

Meanwhile, Greenpeace NZ, which is following the story, Tweeted, "So crazy what the people of Taranaki go through at the hands of the oil and gas industry!"

A spokeswoman for Frack Free Kapiti, said sarcastically in a Facebook post about the story, "Gee, having 2kgs of undetonated explosives down holes all around your property would definitely need to be noted on your LIM report!"





## **Radical Action Grants Offered**

### **02 May**

The activist funding group, Radical Action Grants, has announced the Autumn 2016 Radical Action Grant round is now open until 31 May 2016.

Radical Action Grants (RAG) is a collective made up of representatives from several IMGs to support through funding, radical grassroots environmental activism, especially climate activism. RAG's spokeswoman is also Greenpeace NZ's National Coordinator of Volunteers.

Aimed at groups less able to access conventional sources of funding, the grants are designed to support protest groups who get by on a shoestring budget and rarely exceed \$500.

A spokeswoman for RAG, said grants will be given to upcoming local projects and New Zealand-based groups only. Grants are intended to support materials, travel, publishing, and other expenses incurred in pursuing a particular project, rather than ongoing or administrative expenses.

RAG sources its grant money solely from donations from individuals and sympathetic businesses.



## Activists Offer Free Legal Advice

### 01 May

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) is offering free legal advice to Taranaki landowners who have been approached to allow access for the Kapuni seismic survey currently being conducted by Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS).

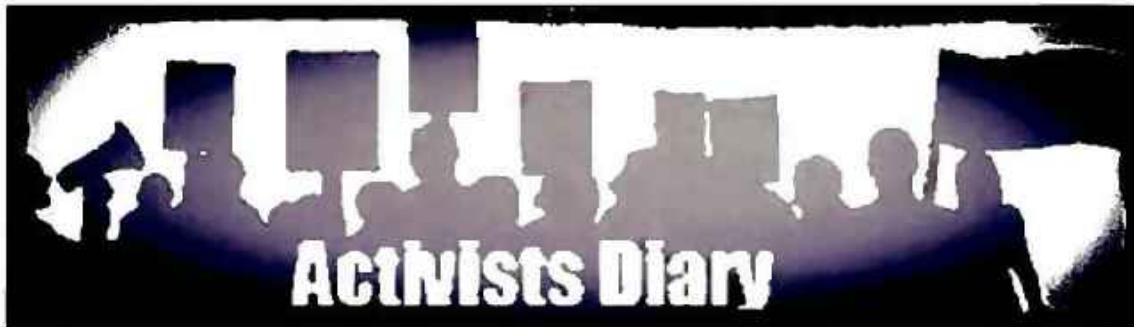
In a message on its public Facebook page, TEW said, "Hey Taranaki, we've heard the oil companies were going round over Anzac weekend asking people to give consent to have pegs put in their properties".

TEW added that if, "This has happened to you and you are still thinking about it or even if you've already signed and want more info please feel free to get in touch with us. We have a lawyer who can help you understand what it all means and other Taranaki residents who are further along this process, who can let you know what the real consequences could be for you and your family".

TEW says even if landowners have already given their consent, it can be revoked, and is appealing for landowners who have already signed, but want to change their mind, to get in touch with the group.

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## 08 May: Activist Climbing Training

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington, has announced that it will be holding protest climbing training this weekend for any interested volunteers.

Oil Free Wellington has perhaps understandably said very little as to what this training may consist of, or what its purpose is. However, it has said that it will only be for three hours (between 9am and noon) and be held in an area of Hataitia Park, off Mein Street.



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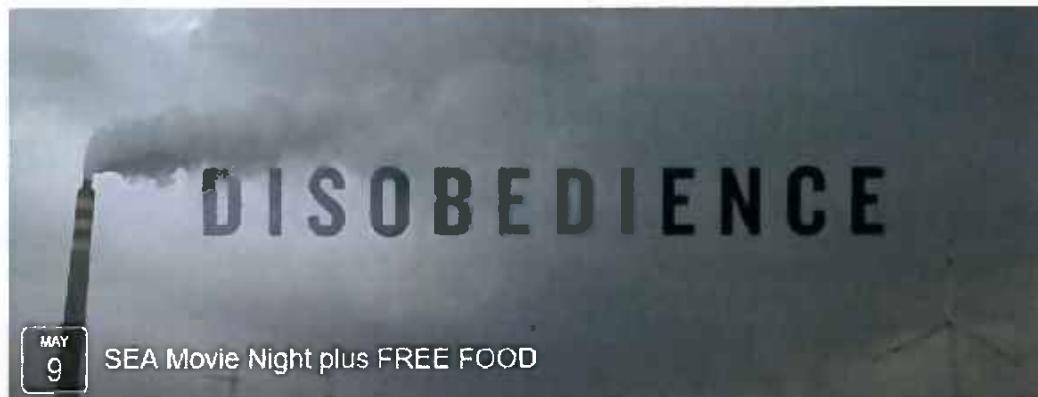


## 09 May: Dunedin Climate Event

In Dunedin, the student climate activist group, SEA (Students for Environmental Action) is holding a film screening of the new film by the international climate group, 350.org called "Disobedience".

Made by PF Pictures, the film is said to depict the "amazing things that regular people are willing to do when faced with the biggest crisis in human history. If politicians won't do what it takes to break free from coal, oil and gas, we will". At the Evison Lounge at OUSA, 7.30pm, on 09 May 2016.

See: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmynS5zkbQM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmynS5zkbQM).



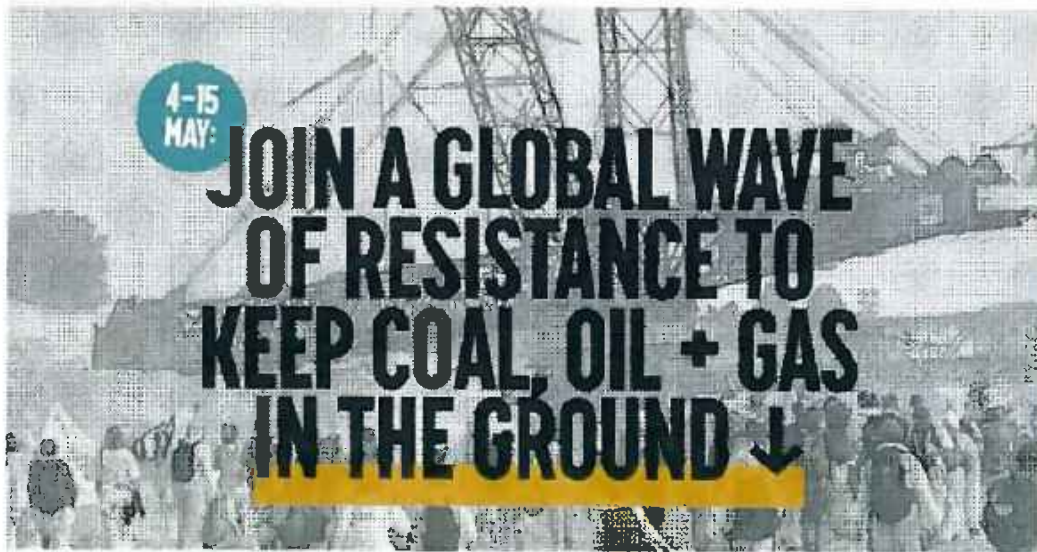
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## 29 May: Art Response Day

Oil Free Wellington (OFW) says it is planning a chance for people to explore some creative response to climate justice and deep sea oil. It is asking supporters to bring their own t-shirts for screen printing. OFW will supply ink and screens; and says it will also supply corflute and spray paint and stencils for making climate Justice / No Deep Sea Oil signs for people to put on their fences. Venue and time, TBA.



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## Activist Fracking Tour of Taranaki

**15 May**

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington has organised what it described as a 'Fracking Tour of Taranaki' this weekend.

The event was advertised as taking place between 1730 hrs Friday 13 May – 1630 hrs Sunday 15 May 2016. This included travelling time from Wellington for some of the participants.

Over 100 supporters were invited to the event though actual attendance numbers were much smaller. Whilst only five people responded to the Facebook event page with their intention to attend, another 36 expressed an interest. The tour was mainly incident free, except for on Saturday, a group of approximately eight protesters in two minibuses approached one operations site and the activists took photos while and one female 'tagged' a main entrance sign with the words "frack off".

On 05 May, Oil Free Wellington claimed that they only had "a very few places left" though they didn't expand on the total number of places that were available.

Whilst this event was organised for Wellingtonians, it is believed that they may met up with other grassroots groups who are planning on canvassing the area in relation to seismic survey operations at Kapuni currently being conducted by Shell Todd Oil Services. Activist social media commentary on this event over the weekend has so far been very muted.



# **Banks Blocked in Mass Climate Protests**

## **11-13 May**

In a series of rolling protests across the country, New Zealand's second best resourced climate action group, 350 Aotearoa, staged a series of protests over three days against the ANZ, which says is the biggest funder of fossil fuel extraction in the Pacific region. 350 Aotearoa claims the ANZ bank has invested over \$13.5 billion in fossil fuel extraction operations in the Pacific region alone.

Members and supporters of the issue-motivated group blocked off a branch of the ANZ in Queen Street in Auckland on 13 May (see second photo below); a branch in Dunedin on 12 May (see third photo below); and a branch in Wellington on 11 May (see first photo below).

In the Wellington protest, 350 Aotearoa was joined by members of Oil Free Wellington, who have been conducting climbing training in recent weeks so they could, at this protest, climb onto the bank's veranda to hang protest banners.

Meanwhile, last week student supporters of the group at Waikato University also blockaded the ANZ's branch on the university's Hamilton campus, putting up 'crime scene' warning tape in a protest against what the students called was a 'climate crime scene'.

In terms of the Dunedin protest, 350 Aotearoa was forced to apologise when an elderly bank customer, instead of accepting the situation, chose to climb over the blockading protesters in order to access the bank. The protesters then agreed to allow elderly customers into the bank, but blocked all others.

Afterward, 350 Aotearoa's full-time Auckland-based director, who has a previous history of working with Greenpeace NZ and is still close to many in that organisation, claimed the issue of elderly people struggling to access the Dunedin branch had been misrepresented by the news media. She claimed the "whole situation was inaccurate". However she refused to elaborate, saying, "It doesn't need more air time, and it distracts from the real issues".

The protests were part a global effort by 350 Aotearoa's parent organisation, 350.org to stage "civil disobedience" demonstrations to spread the group's belief that in order to save the planet from global warming, societies must "breaking free" from fossil fuel industries. The protests were supported 04-15 May by 350.org supporters in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Indonesia, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States as well as in New Zealand.





## **Maui's Dolphin Death Cover Up Alleged**

**12 May**

An investigation by the German conservation group NABU International (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union) has alleged that Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) officials and fishermen have concealed the death of a rare Maui's dolphin in a commercial fishing net.

NABU International says it obtained a statement that describes how a Maui's dolphin was caught in a gillnet outside the area in which the dolphins are protected from this fishing method during the 2012/13 fishing season. The incidence does not appear in the official bycatch database and was denied by Government officials and industry representatives, says NABU's Chief Executive, who said he was speaking on behalf of the union's 500,000 plus members.

"The document we secured describes that MPI officials failed to record the dolphin's death and sought to suppress the incident by informing the eyewitness on board the fishing vessel that he 'had seen nothing'. NABU International became aware of a potential Maui's dolphin bycatch incidence three years ago," says the organization's CEO. "When we sought clarification from New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) we were assured that we were mistaken".

NABU says less than a fifth of Maui's dolphin habitat is protected from gillnets and

just five percent from trawling. Made public, the dolphin's death is likely to have sparked urgent demands for further fishing restrictions, NABU alleges.

"We are deeply shocked and disappointed by these revelations, which call into question New Zealand's sincerity over the dolphins' protection," added the Head of Endangered Species Conservation at NABU International.

"The New Zealand Government has gone to great lengths to convince the public that Maui's dolphins are well protected, that none are seen outside the protected area or caught in nets. Today's news represents a serious breach of trust and does not bode well for Maui's dolphin survival."

NABU now says that given a population of less than 50 dolphins that continues to decline because of fishing, it is calling for the immediate extension of the protected area to cover all of the dolphins' habitat. NABU says this corresponds to recommendations the International Whaling Commission (IWC), the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the Society for Marine Mammalogy (SMM) have been making repeatedly since 2012.

Fewer than 50 Maui's dolphins survive off the west coast of New Zealand's North Island, making Maui's dolphins the rarest marine dolphin on earth. Experts estimate that the tiny population can sustain just one human caused fatality every 10-23 years. NABU says fisheries bycatch alone accounts for 3-4 Maui's dolphin deaths per year – more than 54 times the sustainable level.



## **Graduation Fossil Fuel Protest**

**11 May**

A University of Auckland graduate has used his graduation ceremony as an opportunity to protest against his university for not divesting from fossil fuels.

The student, who was receiving a degree in Health Sciences, while crossing the stage to receive his degree last week held up a banner saying 'Alumni for Divestment' in front of the audience and the University Chancellor.

Although other students did not protest at the actual ceremony, several of them held protest banners afterward, outside the ceremony (see photos below).

The protest was part of an ongoing student campaign calling on the University of Auckland to disinvest its \$80 million endowment fund from fossil fuel companies, and which the campaign claims are the main contributors to climate change.

Afterward, the student said "I'm ashamed that the University of Auckland, my alma mater, is funding climate change and wrecking the future that its graduates have to live with. If it claims to be a world-class University, it should follow the lead of Universities like Yale, Stanford, and Glasgow University by divesting from fossil fuels now."

Last year, University of Auckland students delivered a petition signed by 2800 staff, students, and alumni to the University Council asking them to support divestment, but this was rejected.

The student group Fossil Free UoA said it will continue to escalate its actions over the next few months to make to make the University Council seriously considers its request.





## Greenpeace Demands Apology

**10 May**

The fallout from the latest Panama Papers revelations has led to Greenpeace calling for an apology from the Prime Minister.

As the Prime Minister faced questions in Parliament last week about the findings, he has been accused of incorrectly linking Greenpeace, along with Amnesty International and the Red Cross, to foreign trusts.

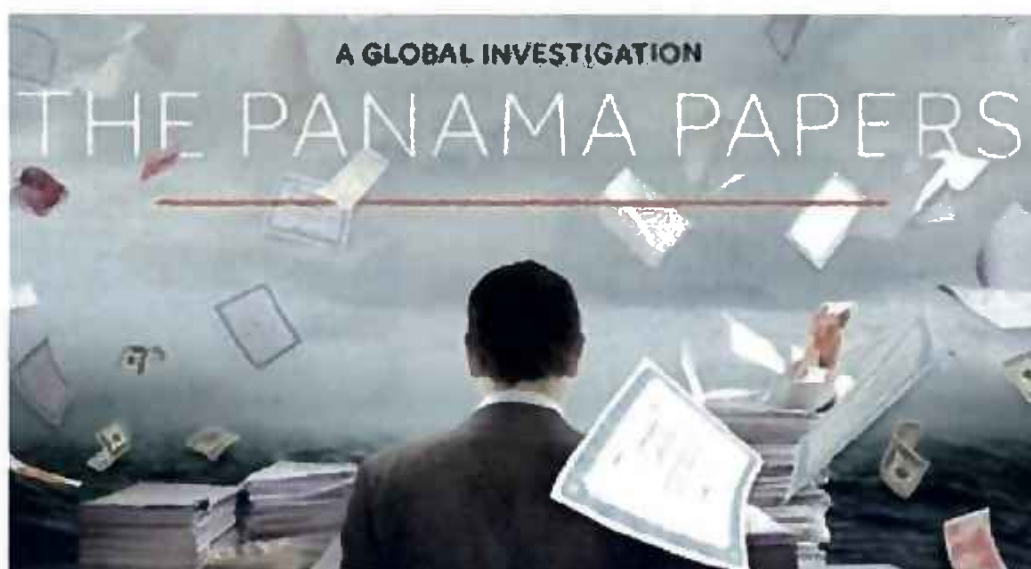
"I was shocked actually to find Greenpeace International on the database," the PM is quoted as saying in the House last week.

But Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director, says the Prime Minister is wrong. "He's got the wrong database and the wrong year," he told news media. "He's basically besmirching the good names of these charities to help himself out of a political hotspot. He should apologise. What he did was wrong. In the process he threw mud

at three charities which have nothing to do with it."

Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director went on to explain that three years ago Greenpeace was named in papers called the "Offshore Leaks," and says this is what Mr Key was confusing the issue with.

Britain's Sunday Times undertook an investigation and found that tax dodgers were using charities including Greenpeace as fronts for their scams and the charities weren't involved themselves. The Prime Minister has however refused to apologise, saying what he said was in factual.



## **Farmer Back Tracks on Seismic Survey**

**09 May**

A Taranaki issue motivated group (IMG) opposed to the operations of the oil and gas industry has been supporting a farmer who is in a stand-off with an oil company over unexploded explosive charges on his property.

The farmer wants the 28 explosive charges placed on his farm by seismic surveyors working for Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) to be removed. He has claimed he expected three or four explosive charges to be laid on his land and was shocked when 29 red pegs appeared in lines through his paddocks.

The farmer claims he was not fully informed about possible adverse effects on his land by the STOS representative who visited him last year and feared the detonations could have compromised his plan to regain organic certification.

The farmer who is one of 1400 landowners in South and Central Taranaki Districts

whose properties lie within the 450 square kilometres under survey by Shell Todd Oil Services, initially gave permission in June 2015.

After 28 devices were installed he spoke with the IMG Taranaki Energy Watch and decided against allowing the detonations to proceed. He said he had initially been willing for the non explosive white pegs and vibraphones (devices that "listen" for seismic discharges), to remain on his property, providing the surveyors followed the requirements for working on an organic property, which include sterilising equipment before it entered the site to prevent cross contamination from other farms.

This had not happened when the equipment was installed, he claims, so he had requested that all the equipment be removed and trespassed the company's staff.

A spokeswoman for Taranaki Energy Watch said the group contacted the Taranaki Regional Council in March about the legislation used to permit the survey. She said the initial consultation with landowners was done under the requirements of the Land Management Act, and people were told the effects were minimal, but it should have been covered by the Resource Management Act which required more in depth consultation around possible adverse effects, and this wasn't done.

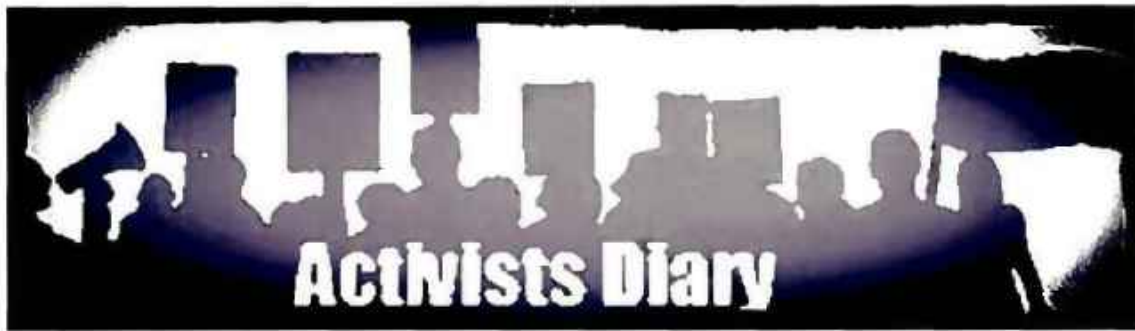
"We had expected that the company would go back to written permission from landowners under the Resource Management Act, but instead the TRC granted retrospective consent to 1300 properties without written consent being obtained, yet the two acts are not related," she said.

The Taranaki Regional Council's Director of Resource Management, said the issue raised by Taranaki Energy Watch was technical in nature rather than a matter of concern about environmental effects and the council would monitor the effects of the discharges and the results would be publicly reported.



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## **Protesters Shut Down Drilling Rig**

**22 May**

Twenty-five anti-mining protesters shut down a drilling rig on the Coromandel, resulting in the police forcibly removing some protesters; arresting one protester for resisting arrest and wilful trespass, issuing court summons for trespass to two others, and issuing seven trespass notices on other protesters.

The protesters were all from the issue motivated group Protect Karangahake who blocked off the drilling rig in a second weekend of protests against a Newcrest Mining drilling site on farmland near the foot of Mt Karangahake. The Australian-based mining company has rights to explore for gold on land in the Waitekauri and Owharoa areas.

As part of the protest, the activists wrapped woollen yarn around the drilling site to illustrate what they say is Newcrest Mining's "woolly thinking" that it can drill for precious minerals in what the protesters say is one of New Zealand's most important ecological corridors.

Some of the protesters claim they can feel the vibrations and hear the noise the drilling rig is making from their homes in nearby Waitawheta.

Last Sunday, the same group shut down the drilling rig with an identical protest - and which resulted in the police issuing five trespass notices on that occasion.





## IMG Wants People to Tell Their Stories

**21 May**

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) has created a page on its website where the stories of people's experience with oil and gas companies from around the Taranaki region can be shared.

The group claims that while door-knocking recently its members learned that there are *"many stories from people where things have gone wrong"*.

TEW says, *"To those who experience them they may seem one offs or not amount to much, or people think it is normal in the Taranaki to experience these things. But collected and reviewed together they paint a rather different and concerning picture"*.

TEW says this is a picture which Taranaki Energy Watch will "*advocate to make better and make our community and people safer. If you have a story and are willing to share it, please do*".

TEW says these stories can be shared anonymously if people prefer. The group says, "*it takes courage to stand up when things are not fair or right. We hope that Taranaki Energy Watch and the growing community can support each other in this*".

See: <http://taranakienergywatch.org.nz/stories/>



## Unhappy Greenpeace Donors

**20 May**

There has been a growing number of unhappy people making abusive comments on Greenpeace NZ's (GPNZ) Facebook page over their unhappy experiences donating to the organisation. They say that while agreeing to donate money regularly to GPNZ is easy, stopping the donations seem harder than cancelling a Reader's Digest subscription, however.

Greenpeace is known for its assertive fundraising efforts which capture it an annual income from donations in excess of \$10 million per year. The organisation is known to continually advertise (offering in excess of \$19 per hour) for 'frontliners' to approach people on the street or door-to-door, or for telemarketers who phone after hours seeking to sign up new donors.

Review posts on GPNZ's Facebook page by grumpy members of the public include such comments as:

- "*Was made to donate on the spot rather than in their next payment cycle like every other charity I've dealt with, then another payment was taken 10 days later.*"
- "*Didn't get to agree the amount for either 'donation' & when I asked for my*

*money back I was told my 'gift' is non-refundable."*

- *"I already thought it was weird that they weren't interested in people to lend a voice to issues, sign petitions or protest etc they just wanted money, should've trusted my instincts".*
- *"Beware before 'donating' is all I can say!"*
- *"Stop taking f\*\*\*\*\* money out of my account I rang last year and cancelled it the beginning of this year you take money out of my bank account I rang again to cancel it then I wake today to find you have taken money out again f\*\*\* you scamming \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* stop ripping people off and give my money back".*
- *"You have been stealing money from me even after I have called your team to stop taking money from my account and was assured that there will be no money taken out and yet again you're stealing from me you have no right no wonder people get sick of Greenpeace".*



## **Greenpeace Blockades with a Truck**

**19 May**

In an illustration of how it closely follows direction from its international parent organisation, Greenpeace NZ last week temporarily diverted its protest resources away from such things as fossil fuels and large scale irrigation schemes to shut down a cat food factory in Wanganui for 11 hours before abandoning the protest.

Two teams of Greenpeace activists blocked off the entrances to Mars' Wanganui Whiska's pet food factory and also chained themselves to a truck which they drove to the site to block other trucks from entering or leaving the plant. Some of the activists chained themselves to the truck, while others chained themselves under it

and others blocked the plant's second access gate.

At least two local anti-oil and gas activists from the Wanganui area joined the Greenpeace protesters, who appeared to have come from both the North and South Islands for this protest.

Greenpeace NZ had also brought ladders and a cherry picker to the site so activists could hang protest banners from the factory's roof. The police responded tolerantly, as they often do with Greenpeace protests, preferring to wait out the protest.

For several months, Greenpeace International has been waging a worldwide campaign against the Thai Union Group, which is the world's largest supplier of canned tuna products, alleging the union is engaged in slave labour and destructive fishing practices.

It is known that in terms of worldwide campaigns, Greenpeace International expects its country member organisations to launch local actions in support of such campaigns, and that is exactly what happened today when Greenpeace protesters shut down the pet food factory. Greenpeace NZ alleges that 50 million tonnes of tuna from the Thai Union is imported here for cat food every year.

It remains to be seen if this was a 'one-off' protest by Greenpeace NZ or if this will be a sustained campaign here (see photos below).





## Taranaki Activists Critical of Protest

**19 May**

One Taranaki issue motivated group (IMG) opposed to the operations of the oil and gas industry has been critical of last week's protests against the ANZ Bank by another IMG, 350 Aotearoa, which targeted the bank in a series of nationwide blockades, claiming it is the largest funder of fossil fuel extraction in the Pacific region.

Instead, leaders of the issue motivated group Frack Free Taranaki says 350 Aotearoa should have been targeting oil and gas companies. One of the group's leaders told other members on the group's public Facebook page, *"I have long wondered why 350 put all their energy into big banks 'divesting' rather than taking action to stop the fracking in NZ or to keep the fossil fuels in the ground, specially since the oil and gas industry in NZ is mostly self-funded"*.

Another of the group's leaders replied by saying, *"I approached 350 and asked if they would consider targeting Todd (Energy) in Wellington as part of the break free action (as the ANZ has little to do with oil and gas in NZ). They said they were sticking with ANZ but would discuss more if we wanted to after the break free action. I think it is a discussion worth having and look forward to it-maybe this is the beginning."*

She then went on to extol a conspiracy theory that the oil and gas industry was in fact indirectly funding 350 Aotearoa's parent body - 350.org.

*"All these groups are funded by private corporations," she claimed, "who have strong links with the fossil fuel industry - they use people with genuine concerns about the environment to make meaningless gestures. They also put out heaps of petitions which are mainly to put pressure on other groups or, in the case of Avaaz, to actually determine political policy - i.e. no fly zones (Libya/Syria), sending troops to peaceful countries on the pretexts of bolstering-up an embattled democratic system (Burundi/Venezuela/Brazil) etc...For all her celebrity, Naomi Klein is on the Board of 350 Org which must cast doubts on her ultimate motives".*



## Taranaki Seismic Being Monitored

**19 May**

Taranaki Energy Watch announced to its supporters that it was still following the seismic testing that is ongoing in the Kapuni area on behalf of Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS).

*A spokeswoman for the group said, "the Taranaki Regional Council acknowledge that our complaint around the legality of the seismic testing was correct. Resource consent for discharge of contaminants to land has been granted to STOS retrospectively and non-notified. This is for the release of 24,000 bombs, each 2 kg of TNT or PENT on 1400 landowner's property. Landowners have no idea that the release of these explosives required consent".*

*She went onto claim that "some of the bombs mis-fire and fail to detonate meaning the explosive material must remain on the landowner's land until it biodegrades which could be up to ten years. Taranaki Energy Watch thinks that landowners*

*should know of this risk before they agree to the explosives being on their property".*

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### **Activists' Vitriol**

**18 May**

Frack Free Taranaki launched into a short but vitriolic attack on Todd Energy last week. On its public Facebook page, the group accused the oil company of being "apex predators".

The post on the group's Facebook page said, *"Todd Energy - apex predators of the Tikorangi gas and oil fields. While the residents choose to live in a quiet, rural area, Todd have other plans for them."*



# Todd Energy

### **Greenpeace Outlines Protest Priorities**

## 16 May

Greenpeace NZ last week provided a timely reminder of its current campaign protest priorities. It is not clear if they are presented in order of priority, but as posted on Greenpeace NZ's Facebook page, they are listed as being:

- Stop burning coal (in particular Greenpeace NZ has current campaigns directed against the Huntly Power Station and Fonterra's use of coal-fired boilers in its milk processing plants).
- Stop Deep Sea Oil (again, in particular Greenpeace NZ has a long-running campaign against the exploration activities here by the Norwegian-state owned oil company Statoil).
- Stop Big Irrigation (in particular the Central Plains Water Scheme and the Ruataniwha Irrigation Scheme).
- Embrace a better way (which is Greenpeace's global strategy to combat climate change).



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## **Greenpeace Response to 2016 Budget**

**27 May**

Greenpeace New Zealand's (GPNZ) Executive Director, in a statement commenting on the Government's 2016 Budget, says that, "after proclaiming in previous years that coal, oil and industrial dairy would be the economic salvation of the nation, they are all noticeably missing from the Budget this year.

"Maybe taking a punt on the most climate polluting industries wasn't such a great idea after all. The climate intensive economic strategy has failed to deliver," he adds. The Minister of Finance's Budget speech, he complains, mentioned climate change only once. He goes on to say, "The global crisis that threatens life as we know it. Just one solitary mention. That's admittedly once more than in any of the previous seven Budget speeches."

However, commenting on things in the Budget he did like, GPNZ's top man says that on the "upside", the Minister did give, "a clear indication of the cost of subsidies given to climate polluters under the Emission Trading Scheme" and "removing one of the current pollution subsidies" (the two-for-one scheme) would improve the budget bottom line by \$356 million over four years.

"So", he says, "taxpayers are spending \$356 million less on subsidies for climate pollution than before. Except that the subsidies to agricultural climate pollution are untouched. And under the same calculation the subsidy to agricultural climate pollution works out at \$1.9 billion over four years".

Therefore, he claims, the taxpayer is "paying \$2 billion to increase climate pollution. That is completely mad".

In terms of the \$100 million allocated to the Freshwater Improvement Fund, Greenpeace's ED claims that in "an Orwellian twist the Freshwater Improvement Fund can be spent on subsidising irrigation schemes according to the Ministry for the Environment. And irrigation schemes cause water pollution by reducing flows and increasing intensive dairying and its pollution".

The statement was released with the accompanying cartoon depicting a 'climate change elephant in the room' with the Beehive skewered on one of its tusks (see below).



## Greenpeace NZ Campaign Priorities

**27 May**

Greenpeace New Zealand has last week reiterated its three current campaign priorities. They are, in not any particular order, the campaign to 'Stop Government Funded River Pollution' (which is aimed at halting large scale irrigation schemes); the campaign to force Genesis Energy to shut down the coal-fired generators at the Huntly Power Station; and the campaign to stop deep sea oil exploration (see photo below).



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## Taranaki IMG Makes Submissions

### 26 May

On 26 May members of the issue motivated group from Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) made a verbal submission to Parliament's Local Government and Environment Select Committee on the government's proposed Resource Legislation Amendment Bill. The four key points made by the group in their submission were:

1. *The effects on climate change must be at the heart of every resource management decision, if the goal is to truly manage natural resources sustainably and protect our natural environment. Currently, the RMA and EEZ Act prohibit councils and the EPA from considering the effects of activities on climate change. CJT urge that these be amended, as the government has a legal obligation and duty of care to protect its citizens from climate change.*
2. *The proposed Bill takes away councils' function in preventing and mitigating any adverse effects of the storage, use, disposal or transportation*



*of Hazardous substances. This is an extremely dangerous proposition as it eliminates what could protect local communities from well blow-out, gas clouds and other harmful accidents associated with the fossil fuel and other heavy industries.*

- 3. Fracking is known to contaminate water, soil, cause serious health effects, induce earthquakes and exacerbates climate change. CJT urge for a nationwide ban on fracking and a halt on all fossil fuel exploration.*
- 4. The proposed Bill erodes environmental bottom lines, disempowers the public, and threatens democratic processes when it should be strengthening environmental protection and ensuring resource sustainability and public rights in decision making.*

The group's full submission can be read here: <http://tinyurl.com/jtsclly>

## **CJT Spoke on Resource Legislation Amendment**



## **Health Specialists Speak on Climate**

**26 May**

In Wellington at the University of Otago, Wellington Medical School, OraTaiao (NZ Climate and Health Council) presented a free public lecture on what OraTaiao says the World Health Organisation calls, "the greatest threat to global health in the 21st century" - climate change and the threat this poses to global health.

One of OraTaiao's clinical members talked about why climate change is "a medical emergency, but our greatest opportunity"; while the President New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) presented the NZNO's Position Statement on Climate Change. One of the principles of the NZNO's position statement is to cease and oppose investment in fossil fuels.

OraTaiao comprises senior doctors and other health professionals in Aotearoa/New Zealand concerned about the effects of climate change on population health.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/gujlt79>



## **Campaign to Fight Rules Change**

### **25 May**

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch Energy (TEW) is appealing for help in paying the costs for environmental lawyers and technical experts it has engaged to help argue its case in submissions on the proposed new South Taranaki District Plan.

TEW says it estimates its costs in presenting these submission will be at least \$25,000. TEW says they have engaged a risk and explosive chemical engineer, an air emissions expert, and a planner to help them present their submissions in Hawera on 09 June.

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

TEW's spokeswoman claims that if these rules "pass muster in South Taranaki, 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 roll out comparable rules nationally that will supersede all local rule making, TEW's

spokeswoman believes.

TEW goes on to say 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.

The group's spokeswoman adds that it will be far less complicated and costly to ensure that the STDC adopts "appropriate and safe rules than to fight three councils simultaneously – and possibly the National government".

TEW's fund raising campaign is being supported by other issue motivated groups, most notably:

- **Oil Free Wellington**, which has said, *"Please help if you can! Our friends in Taranaki have been working so hard to raise awareness about the risks of the oil industry - and now they want to make sure the local councils really tighten up the rules for oil companies. They need some money to help get expert witnesses there"*.
- **Climate Justice Taranaki**, which has said, *"Please help! A win in this legal battle could have help protect other communities around New Zealand!"*
- **Frack Free Manawatu/Whanganui**, which has said, *"Please give - financial support is needed to ensure the strongest rules possible are in place, to protect our health and the environment"*.
- **Hokianga Environmental Protection Group**, which has said, *"The people in Taranaki are already on the front line of opposing oil exploration and fracking in Aotearoa as the work of the oil industry already imposes itself on the landscape. Their fight is our fight as they try to stop the oil industry from expanding further."*

TEW has released a video explaining why it needs to argue its case and which can be viewed on Youtube here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETPSjGKDVqg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETPSjGKDVqg)



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## **Seismic Survey Rioters Back in Court**

**25 May**

The Hawera District Court was again braced for trouble on Tuesday when six people arrested during a riot outside the court at the building on 01 March appeared.

Two extra police guarded the courtroom door when the group were called, and the court was closed to the public during their appearances.

Outside the court, a group of Maori wardens were also on duty, however, the morning was uneventful and all six appeared this time without incident.

The six were arrested after a protest at the court on 01 March got out of hand in support of two local sisters who were appearing on charges related to the alleged theft of seismic survey pegs belonging to Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS).

The supporters objected when one of the defendants was removed from court for arguing with the judge. A scuffle ensued between the group and police and court staff. The court was also forced to close for some time.

On this latest occasion, the judge had each person called individually while the court was closed to the public.

One of the alleged rioters pleaded guilty to one charge of assaulting a person with a blunt instrument and was remanded for sentencing on 04 July. During the 01 March fracas she was found to have hit a police officer over the head with a flagpole. The judge ordered a pre-sentence report and released the woman on bail with the condition she was not to enter the town of Hawera unless she was appearing in court.

The five others, who all had not guilty pleas entered by default at previous appearances, were told they would have a judge alone trial in New Plymouth on 10 August. Two asked for a trial by jury but were told their charges were not serious enough to be eligible for this.

Of this five, four are charged with assaulting police and resisting police; another is charged with disorderly behaviour and resisting arrest, and another is charged with assaulting police, resisting police, and disorderly behaviour.



## Seismic Testing Still on GP's Agenda

### 25 May

Despite the downturn in the operations of the oil and gas industry, Greenpeace New Zealand is not giving up on its campaign against deep sea seismic surveys. The issue motivated group in a blog post on 25 May provided what it sees as evidence that man-made noise in the ocean is the cause for mass stranding of whales and other sea mammals.

"Increasingly industrialised, the seas can be an inescapable aural assault for marine life; noise is created by ship engines, seabed drilling, seismic blasting, military sonar use, and bomb testing," the blog stated.

"Hearing and navigational abilities are one and the same for whales, and so if deafened by, say, a bomb going off underwater, their ability to steer away from unsafe shallow waters is hindered, and they may beach".

Greenpeace says theories focus on man-made noises in the ocean, which startle the whales and cause them to flee to shallow waters. "Sound is unlike most pollution in the ocean, in that once it has stopped, it leaves no oil, nor islands made of plastic. Once sound stops, it's gone. It's time we all made some noise about making less noise in the ocean. Sign the petition here to give Maui's dolphin proper protection against the oil industry's seismic testing," the blog says.

The full blog can be read here: <http://tinyurl.com/h2va23s>

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Sign the petition to demand that the NZ Government gives the Maui's dolphin proper protection from net fishing, mining and oil exploration activities including seismic testing.

Greenpeace will contact you about this and other campaigns. You can opt-out at any time. Your information is safe with us.

**Sign Now**

## New Far North Protest Slideshow

**24 May**

A new protest slideshow has been posted to YouTube by the issue motivated group 'Stop Statoil Te Hiku' Northland.

However, the slide show is very similar to the last one published some months ago by the group, and there are lots of the same slides repeated again in this latest effort.

See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7dWgpZQXFA>



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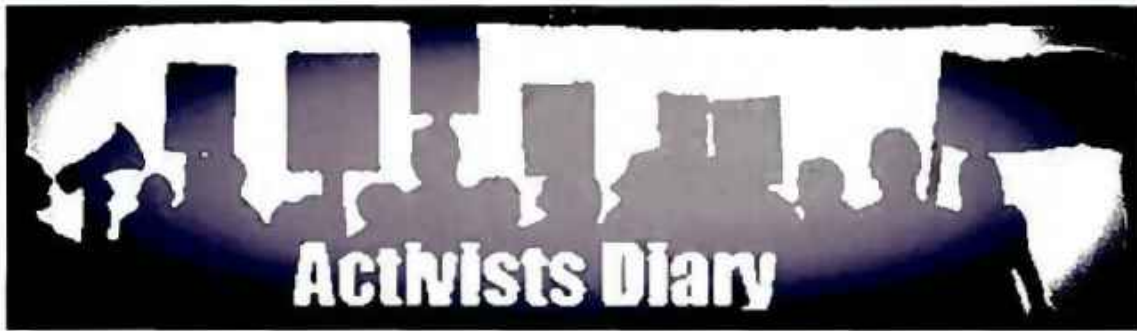
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## Site Signage Vandalised

**21 May**

Anti-oil and gas vandals have defaced signage at TAG Oil's Cheal Production Station on State Highway 1 in Ngaere, Taranaki. Thompson+Clark would be interested to know of any other instances of similar acts of vandalism clients are aware of (see images below).





## 29 May: Art Response Day

Oil Free Wellington (OFW) is holding an event which it says is for people to "explore some creative response to climate justice and deep sea oil".

It is asking supporters to bring their own t-shirts for screen printing. OFW will supply ink and screens; and says it will also supply corflute and spray paint and stencils for making climate Justice / No Deep Sea Oil signs for people to put on their fences. This event is being held at the Wellington Anarchist Centre, 128 Abel Smith St, Te Aro, Wellington, 11am-4pm.



Arts Day - T Shirts, Banners, signs!

## From 05 May: Maui Dolphin Challenge

This month, the World Wildlife Fund New Zealand (WWF-NZ) has will launched 'Challenge 55' where people from all over the country will take part in their own specially-designed fundraising challenges to support the conservation of the critically endangered Maui dolphins - of which there is thought to be perhaps only about 55 surviving (possibly less).

WWF-NZ's Senior Campaigner, says the focus of 'Challenge 55' was saving the last 55 Maui dolphins. "We're inviting New Zealanders to join us and take up a Challenge - the first step is to visit [Challenge55.org.nz](http://Challenge55.org.nz)," he says. Challenge 55 is designed to



raise awareness of the dolphins' plight and support WWF's work to save them. WWF's work includes engaging with the fishing industry and government agencies to advocate for Maui dolphins being protected wherever they swim, and for commercial fishermen being supported to move to dolphin-friendly practices. WWF is also building a network of people who report Maui dolphin sightings.



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## Activists Struggle to Pay Experts

05 June

A fund raising effort by a Taranaki issue motivated group to help it pay for expert evidence in its submissions against the oil and gas industry appears to be struggling. Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) has set up a 'givealittle' online donation page to help it fund the cost of expert evidence the group plans to present to the South Taranaki District Council on 09 June when the council will hear TEW's argument as to why it should be necessary to have separation distances greater than 200m between schools, hospitals, residences and oil and gas wells.

TEW says it has engaged the services of a lawyer, risk and explosive chemical engineer, an air emissions expert, and a planner.

TEW says it needs \$16,000 to meet a shortfall in its funds already raised to pay for these experts and is appealing for donations to meet this. However, by 05 June, and with only four days to go before the hearing, TEW's fund raising page had only raised \$690 of the \$16,000 TEW says it needs.

### Taranaki Energy Watch

Cause page created in the Environment category by Taranaki Energy Watch

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# Greenpeace Petition Update

04 June

Greenpeace New Zealand's online petition demanding that Genesis Energy shut down the coal fired generators at the Huntly coal fired power station by 2018, and commit to a "just transition for its workforce and 100% clean energy" has now reached 15,270 signatures.

This is about half the number of signatures, however, obtained for another online petition which Greenpeace NZ is running calling for a halt to large scale irrigation schemes, and which has to date attracted well over 30,000 supporting signatures.

With at least four major campaigns on the go at the moment, Greenpeace NZ is having to juggling its priorities in terms of where it puts its resources, including protest.

These campaigns are against large scale irrigation schemes; deep sea oil exploration; and destructive commercial fishing practices.

The campaign against destructive fishing practices appears to be Greenpeace's current top priority, as this is part of a wider campaign driven by Greenpeace International.

The screenshot shows the Greenpeace website interface for a petition. At the top left is the Greenpeace logo. The main heading reads "GENESIS: STICK TO THE PLAN AND SHUT HUNTLY COAL". Below this, a progress bar shows "Let's aim for 15,000 today" and "Sign and share!" with a current count of 15270. A large image of the Huntly power station is displayed. To the right is a sign-up form with fields for Email, First Name, Last Name, and Phone Number, and a dropdown menu for "Who do you buy electricity from?". A checkbox is checked for "Greenpeace will contact you about this and other campaigns. You can opt out at any time. Your information is safe with us." A "Sign Now" button is at the bottom right. Below the image, text states: "In August last year Genesis Energy announced that in 2018 it would shut down Huntly - the last big coal-burning power station in New Zealand. This would mark the end of large scale coal-fired generation in New Zealand."

# Greenpeace Gloats Over Ship's Demise

**31 May**

Greenpeace has celebrated the scrapping of the drill ship Noble Discoverer which was the target of a famous Greenpeace occupation at Port Taranaki in February 2012 featuring the actress Lucy Lawless..

In an article entitled *Shell's Arctic Dreams End Up on the Scrap Heap*, Greenpeace says, "One year ago, the drill ship Noble Discoverer was in Everett, Washington, preparing to head north...Today the Discoverer rests on a beach in Alang, India, ready to be dismantled and sold for scrap".

Greenpeace claims the scrapping of the Noble Discoverer is, "a powerful illustration that Big Oil's Arctic ambitions were flawed from the beginning". Greenpeace believes it is important to recall that the Discoverer is actually the second of Shell's drilling rigs to end up on the scrap heap, following the Kulluk, which slipped its tow line in a fierce winter storm and ended up crashing on an Alaskan beach in late 2012.

Greenpeace has also reminded its supporters that it was also the Noble Discoverer which Hollywood actress Lucy Lawless and six other Greenpeace protesters occupied in protest at Port Taranaki, and which launched Greenpeace's global 'Save the Arctic' campaign back in 2012 with a four day occupation of the Arctic-bound drill ship.

The Greenpeace article goes onto claim that, "Arctic drilling was always a flawed business model: seeking to operate in a region where oil spill response would be impossible."

Greenpeace also claims that after Shell's first exploratory Arctic well came up dry in 2015, the company decided to end its "quixotic \$7 billion Arctic venture "and withdraw from the region. That dry well, says Greenpeace, was the end of the road for the Discoverer as well.

"Originally built in 1966, it was one of the oldest operating drill ships in the industry, and an extremely poor choice to drill in one of the most unforgiving environments in the world."

Greenpeace goes on to claim that, "In truth, the Discoverer was always an accident waiting to happen. Upon arriving in Dutch Harbor, Alaska to prepare for the 2012 drilling season, the ship dragged its anchor and nearly grounded itself on the beach. When it returned to Dutch Harbour later that year, an engine backfire caused a fire on board the ship."

Greenpeace claims a US Coast Guard inspection found a number of safety and

environmental violations, including a malfunctioning oily waste separator that, "led to illegal pollution discharges into the ocean".

Greenpeace says, "These violations led to a criminal investigation, eight felony violations and a \$12.2 million fine for Noble Drilling, the ship's owner. The EPA also found that required air pollution control devices were not functioning or not turned on, leading to a \$1.1 million fine. The Discoverer was also found to have used its main propulsion systems even while anchored at the drill site originally considered an emergency measure and more evidence that the ship was not Arctic ready".



## **'Break Free' Video Released**

**29 May**

The international issue motivated group 350.org has released a new video promoting its recent worldwide series of 'Break Free from Fossil Fuels' protests.

The footage includes scenes shot here in New Zealand as activists from 350.org's New Zealand division targeted the ANZ Bank for direct protest in the four main centres.

In releasing the video, 350.org said, "All over the world this May, thousands of people stepped up their work to break free from fossil fuels. This is what it looks like when the movement grows in courage, strength and beauty".

In the video, the Auckland-based Executive Director of 350.org's New Zealand arm,

350 Aotearoa, can be seen outside the Queen Street branch of the ANZ holding a sign which says "Business as usual cannot continue".

The ANZ was targeted because 350.org claims the bank is the biggest funder of fossil fuel extraction operations in the Pacific region.

The footage shows protests that 350.org held in 13 countries around the world. See: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqHYDwCM0Yg&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqHYDwCM0Yg&feature=youtu.be)



## Christchurch 'Hands Across the Sands'

**28 May**

On Saturday 28 May, Christchurch issue motivated groups opposed to the activities of the oil and gas industry got to actually hold its previously postponed 'Hands Across the Sand' protest at New Brighton Beach (see photo below).

The event was supposed to be held on 21 May but was delayed a week due to bad weather.

In a statement, the groups said, "*With Oil Free Otago, 350.org stood on the sand again as part of the global Hands Across the Sand day, to say no to filthy fuels and yes to clean energy. This year we were joined by the Forest and Bird Society to tie the links between deep sea oil drilling, climate change, the marine reserves and other conservation issues in the ocean.*"

'Hands Across the Sand' is an annual global protest against exploration for deep sea oil. Although this year protests were limited to only India, New Zealand, Australia, Algeria, and around the USA, and totalled 83 separate protest events.

It was the sixth consecutive the protest has been held. Video footage of the protest



can be viewed on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUB1dYXoLu0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUB1dYXoLu0)

See also, other photos below:



**Christchurch 'Hands Across the Sands' protest at New Brighton Beach 28 May**





## 05 June: World Environment Day

Sunday 05 June is World Environment and can be a day when environmental activists chose to protest or commit direct actions.

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated every year on 05 June to raise global awareness to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet Earth. It is run by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



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Love Your Environment



## 09 June: Submissions on District Scheme

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to make verbal submissions in Hawera on the proposed South Taranaki District Plan. TEW say it has engaged a risk and explosive chemical engineer, an air emissions expert, and a planner to all provide evidence in support of the group's submissions on why separation distances greater than 200m between schools, hospitals, residences and oil and gas wells are necessary.



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## **\$9000 Raised To Engage Experts**

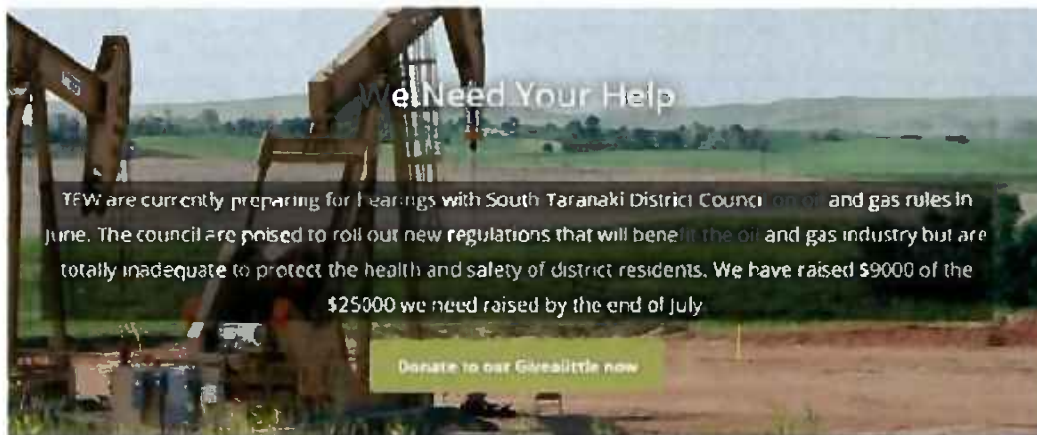
**12 June**

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) says it has now raised \$9,000 towards the \$25,000 it needs to pay the four experts it engaged to support its case to the South Taranaki District Council for greater separation distances around oil and gas installations.

TEW wants a distance of 1000m for larger installations to be written into the council's new district scheme (see further item below).

Although TEW has now had its opportunity to present its case to the council, it has still to pay for the services of the four experts. TEW is continuing to run its Givealittle Fundraising page to help it meet the \$16,000 shortfall that it still needs to raise.

See: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/taranakienergywatch...>



## **Group Argues for Larger Buffer Zones**

**11 June**

Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) has claimed in a Facebook post to its supporters that the information it presented to the South Taranaki District Council arguing why greater separation zones are needed around oil and gas installations has "both impressed and shocked" the council.

TEW is arguing for the council to include separation zones of up to 1000m around

some of Taranaki's larger oil and gas installation sites, and last week it had an opportunity to present its case to a hearing into the council's proposed new district plan.

TEW's presentation was presented by a panel of five persons - four of whom were hired specialists in environmental law, air emission, planning and risk management, and who spoke on behalf of the group. It is noted that TEW's legal expert is the daughter of Greenpeace International's NZ-born Joint-Executive Director and who specialises in resource management law and international environmental law.

TEW's special environmental legal counsel (seen speaking in the photo below) argued that the proposed district plan, in its current state was not acceptable as the RMA clearly stated it is the territorial authorities' responsibility to enable the wellbeing, health and safety of people and communities. This means the council needs to make regulations that manage the effects of the oil and gas industry within the district plan, she said.

The Resource management and planning expert TEW engaged told the council that he believed the oil and gas industry needed clear regulation. "When it goes wrong the results can be catastrophic and long lasting and it [the council] has the responsibility of making sure that does not occur, alongside the regional council and other authorities," he said.

The industry had grown exponentially over the past decade, but local and national regulation had not kept up with that, he added.

"The industry is very sophisticated, very well resourced and moves at speed, and the pressure that that puts on districts is enormous."

He said the council had a responsibility under the resource management act to put greater controls in place.

"These guys are busy making a district plan at a time when there's a bit of a lull in activity and it's time to get it right, things like separation distances and small exclusion zones are one way of putting controls in that I am sure the industry can work with."

TEW's spokeswoman said the group regularly fielded a lot of calls from concerned people living near to oil and gas sites and it felt the district plan needed more restrictions on how close such activity could be to sensitive sites such as people's houses.

"We were quite concerned because it [the proposed plan] wasn't going to achieve what was needed around separation distances and the safety of the community that

lives beside them. We wanted to make sure it was about the science, what was the actual risk, so we decided to employ people that are top in their field with risk analysis to do with petroleum and air quality and their reports verified our concerns," she said.

TEW also engaged a Sydney-based expert in risk management in the oil and gas industry, and who told the council that the district plan should categorise oil and gas sites as non-complying activities to ensure sufficient assessment was done for new facilities.

"In my opinion, major hazardous facilities should not be 'permitted' in any location or zone. This type of facility should always require some sort of kind of formal assessment with enough information to show that effects have been assessed and the risks to people and property associated with abnormal releases of hazardous substances have been minimised," she said.

She added that the plan did not give adequate protection from well blow-outs.

TEW believes the council's proposed buffer zones for oil and gas installations in South Taranaki will put people's health at risk and leave them exposed to catastrophic explosions, a district plan hearing has been told. The district council is proposing setback distances of between 150 and 300 metres around rural industries, including oil and gas installations.

TEW believes the proposed buffer zone is arbitrary and doesn't go far enough. An air quality specialist, it engaged to speak to the council told the hearing emissions of toxic pollutants would pose a risk within the proposed setbacks.

"I'm really coming from a public health protection background where I'm looking at trying to avoid long-term chronic health effects, things like some things that are carcinogenic," she said.

TEW was supported at the hearing by a Greenpeace NZ staff member from Auckland.





## Greenpeace Pay Rates Topped

**07 June**

The climate issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa is advertising for telephone fundraisers, offering \$23.00 per hour - and topping what Greenpeace NZ offers by \$3.75 per hour.

Greenpeace has a standing advertisement for telephone fund raisers which offers a pay rate of \$19.25 per hour.

See: <https://greenpeace.careercentre.net.nz/Job/Telefundraiser/Auckland/2231>

However, 350 Aotearoa, which is the New Zealand arm of the international climate group 350.org has topped this when this month it began recruiting telephone fund raisers, and offering them \$23 per hour.

The Greenpeace jobs are full-time however, while 350 Aotearoa says it is only looking to employ people for 10+ hours per week.

350 Aotearoa was launched five years ago, with what it says was "the mission to inspire and engage individuals, communities, businesses and government around climate change solutions. We provide education, inspiration, practical tools, creative ideas and leadership to get New Zealand, and the rest of the world, back on track to climate safety and 350ppm. We also play a lead role in the delivery of 350.org's Pacific work".

It's head office is based in Auckland, and it employs a full-time Executive Director and one support staff.



## **Rare Whale Stranded But Refloated**

**06 June**

A rare false killer whale which stranded on a Christchurch beach last week was floated after it was found alongside an already dead companion.

Volunteer medics from Project Jonah kept the whale alive while contractors dug a channel out to sea. The two stranded whales were found on Waimari Beach, near Bottle Lake Forest, about 15km north of Port Levy.

Once refloated, the Coast Guard guided it out to sea and kept an eye on it so it did not get too close to shore again.

A karakia was said for the dead whale, which was then removed from the beach. It was examined, then buried.

Project Jonah's general manager said a pod of 60 to 70 pilot whales was spotted about half a kilometre offshore from Port Levy, on Banks Peninsula just prior to the stranding. He said about 25 volunteers had been looking after the surviving whale before it was refloated.

Mr Grover said the surviving whale appeared to be an older calf. The cause for the stranding is unknown.



## Support for Taranaki Activists

### 05 June

The campaign by a Taranaki issue motivated group (IMG) to have the South Taranaki District Council write greater separation distances for oil and gas installations into the council's new district scheme is being supported by a Kapiti coast IMG.

Frack Free Kapiti (FFK) has released the following statement praising the efforts of another group, Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) claiming it is "working right now to protect our country from the biggest...polluting industry on the planet." FFK released the statement in support of TEW's effort to raise a \$16,000 shortfall the group is facing (see items above).

The statement from FFK reads:

*"Have you heard of Taranaki Energy Watch? They are a small yet brave group working - right now - to protect our country from the biggest climate changing, polluting industry on the planet and they are asking for just a little support.*

*TEW is quietly engaged in a battle of David and Goliath proportions with Big Oil and the Government agencies that support them. TEW is attempting to have established 'best practice' oil and gas industry regulations in South Taranaki.*

*"While the current Government continues to promote fossil fuel extraction, only very*

*strong regulations can protect our communities and environment from the dangers and the pollution this industry produces.*

*The regulations being argued and established in the South Taranaki District Plan will potentially become national standards for all future onshore oil and gas development.*

*"TEW experts will be giving evidence on regulations that cover things like: the number of metres required between multi-welled fracking sites and primary schools; the provision of emergency instructions for when wells blowout and unplanned gas clouds are released from production sites; whether spreading petroleum industry waste on farm land should be an allowed activity throughout the district. There is a big gap between what TEW experts say is best practice internationally and what is happening in Taranaki.*

*"While Frack Free Kapiti calls for a total ban on fracking and the activities associated with fracking, we do acknowledge the importance of regulating oil and gas that is already established and affecting rural neighbourhoods and environments and If fracking is not banned in NZ, many more districts are in line to experience unconventional oil and gas development. So ensuring our regulations meet international best practices is in the interests of all New Zealanders and this small groups very big mission is well worth supporting".*





## 13 June: University Divestment Protest

The Auckland University Students' Association (AUSA) and the IMG Fossil Free University of Auckland (FFUoA) plan a protest outside a meeting of the university's council on 13 June, when the council will be asked to vote on a motion that will urge the University's Foundation to divest from investments in fossil fuel industries.

According to the 2014 University of Auckland Foundation annual report it had an endowment investment pool of \$80.2m but at the moment the university does not have a policy about where the money from the endowment fund would be invested.

FFUoA (which is made up of students, staff, and alumni from the university) has been running an online petition which now has nearly 3000 signatures calling for the university to block investments in oil, gas, and coal companies.

The protesters say that after gathering at the fountain in Albert Park, they will surround the entrance to the Clocktower as the University Council members walk in for their briefing, they will then hold loud speeches outside so that "they hear our message loud and clear".



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## **Greenpeace Ships Locations**

### **19 June**

All three of Greenpeace International's campaign vessels are currently deployed on missions around the world.

The largest of the organisation's three vessels (the Esperanza) is currently in South Africa and conducting heli operations (see photo below).

Greenpeace's flagship (the Rainbow Warrior III) is currently in Cyprus in the Mediterranean. It has been confirmed that at least one New Zealander has flown out from Auckland this week to join the crew on the vessel. This person is one of Greenpeace's most experienced Ocean Campaigners and has previously led some of Greenpeace's major ocean protest voyages.

Greenpeace's third vessel (the Arctic Sunrise) is off the Norwegian coast near Longyearbyen and is engaged in a mission which Greenpeace says won't be revealed until 20 June.



## **Maui Dolphin Protest Song**

## 17 June

A popular Auckland-based singer/songwriter (Jamie McDell) who has over 200,000 Facebook followers has teamed up with 55 Kiwi children to produce the YouTube and iTunes' release of a protest song called "Son of the Ocean" calling for greater protection for the world's last remaining Maui dolphins.

To raise awareness of this critically endangered dolphin, "Son of the Ocean" is the latest contribution to WWF-New Zealand's Challenge 55.

To record the song, she was joined at Auckland's Roundhead Studios by 55 young Kiwis, who were chosen by online audition to contribute musically. All proceeds generated from iTunes' downloads of the song will support WWF's efforts to save New Zealand's Maui dolphin.

Six years down the track of her promising career, McDell has in addition to her large Facebook following, 28,400 followers on Twitter, 44,100 Instagram followers and 83,190 YouTube subscribers.

WWF-New Zealand's 'Challenge 55' involves people from all around the country taking part in their own specially-designed fundraising challenges about raising awareness of the plight of Maui dolphins and raising funds to strengthen WWF-New Zealand's advocacy for better protection of this creature.

See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GZZCeEJd6Q&feature=youtu.be>



## Fundraising for Fossil Free Fellowship

### 16 June

The issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa is fund raising to send three representatives of its regional university divestment groups to be trained in Australia.

350 Aotearoa says it has been given a last minute opportunity to send three representatives from its university-based student divestment groups to participate in the 2016 University Campus Divestment Campaigners Fellowship in Sydney, Australia.

Combining residential training retreats with ongoing coaching throughout the semester, the Fellowship is described as an intensive program aiming to equip a cohort of 20 campus activists with the skills and competencies they need to be effective leaders and build long-term power on campus.

350 Aotearoa says it needs \$5000 to send the three trainees and so far from a dedicated 'Givealittle' fundraising page it has set up to fund the training, almost half of the \$5000 needed has been raised (see below).

## Fossil Free Fellowship

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## Kiwi Directs New UN Climate Film

### 15 June

A new climate change documentary made for the United Nations and which had its global premiere this month was directed by a Kiwi film-maker.

Titled 'Thirty Million' it examines the threat posed to the people of Bangladesh by

rising sea levels. The country is considered the most vulnerable in the world to climate change, and is predicted to lose 17 per cent of its land by the end of the century, displacing 30 million people.

Premiere screenings were held at the UN Headquarters in New York City and in Christchurch. They'll also be held throughout the rest of June in Wellington and Auckland, and will be made available to 150 United Nations Development Programme offices around the world.

The film will also be launched online so people can live stream the global premiere.

The film was co-directed by a New Zealand-based film maker and a UK-based climate scientist, and features UNDP head and former Prime Minister Helen Clark.

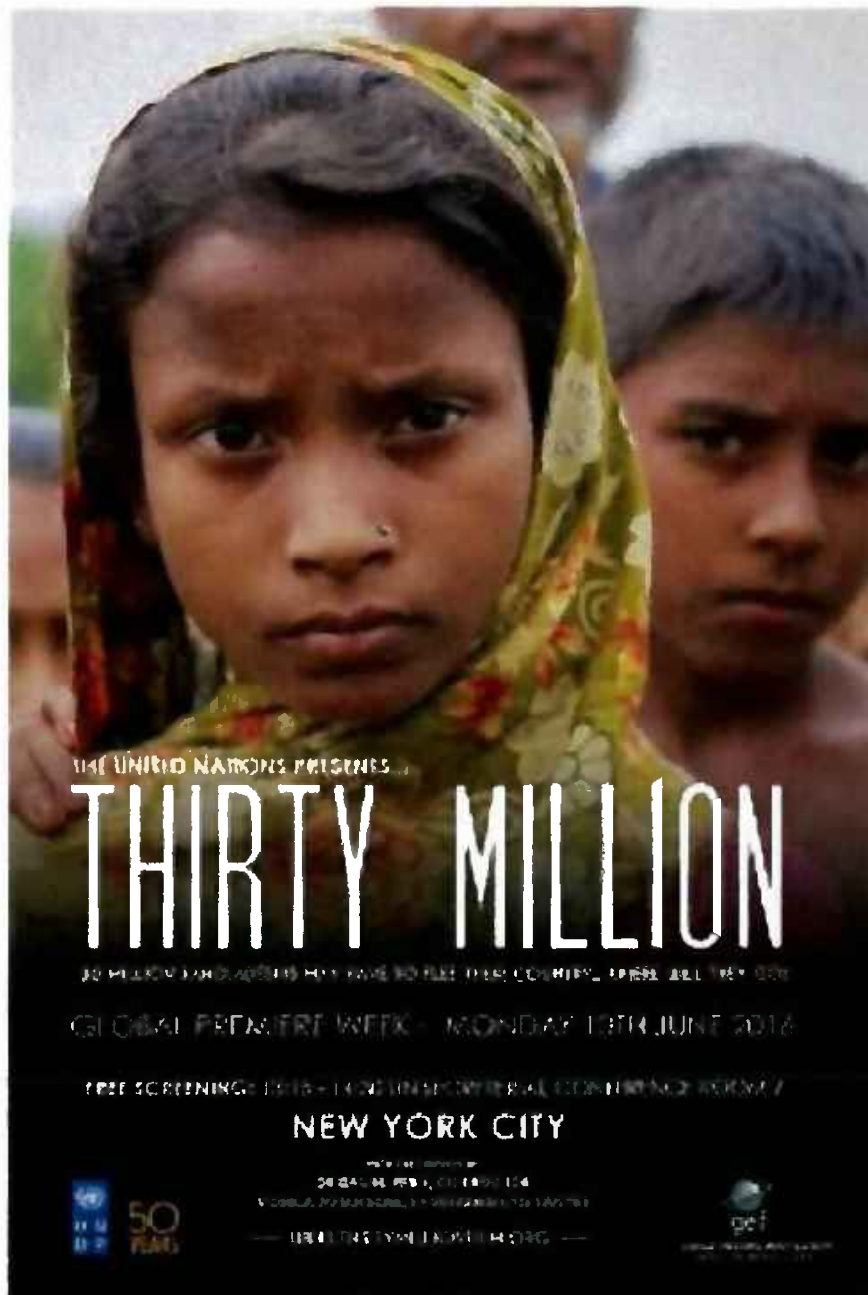
'Thirty Million' is a non-commercial labour of love, with none of those involved in making it being paid.

They say the amount of people who could be affected is almost 10 times the amount of people who have fled Syria during its crisis, and the issue has been tagged by the Pentagon as "a major threat to global security and peace".

The documentary was made to give the people of Bangladesh a voice and to show people in the West how what happens there will affect us here.

"These people have contributed virtually nothing to the problem of climate change, yet are facing the harshest punishment for our actions, or rather: inaction," says the film's blurb. "Although we can pass it off as their problem, the point is it's morally our problem right now."

See: <http://thirtymillionfilm.org/trailer/>



## Greenpeace Loses Top Climber

**14 June**

Greenpeace NZ has lost its Climbing Team's training manager, an activist who was also considered the organisation's top climber and who has played a pivotal role in several of the organisation's more recent headline grabbing protests.

The Canadian national has only this year been promoted to the position of a Climate Campaigner but has for several years also managed and trained Greenpeace NZ's

Climb Team - referred to inside the organisation as the 'Ninjas'.

However, he has this month accepted a position back in his native Canada working as an Insights Manager for Greenpeace International, based in Vancouver. It is not yet known who will replace him as Climb Team Manager, but Greenpeace NZ has several options amongst its existing pool of skilled climbers to choose from.

This activist played a major role in two of Greenpeace NZ's more headline grabbing protests last year - these involved occupying a ledge over the entrance to Parliament (see photo below) and occupying the NIWEA research vessel Tangaroa when it was tied up in port at Wellington.



## **Student Protest Falls on Deaf Ears**

**13 June**

Students and staff at Auckland University opposed to the university's investment in fossil fuels are unhappy the university's Council has declined to vote on a motion that would encourage the university's foundation to divest from fossil fuels.

Last week about 50 people from the Auckland University Students Association (AUSA) and the university student group Fossil Free UoA protested outside a

meeting of the university's Council, and which had been asked to vote on a motion supporting fossil fuel divestment.

However, the Council declined to vote on the motion. Instead, the Council made the concession of saying it would pass on the concerns of AUSA and Fossil Free UoA to the Foundation's chairman.

Commenting on the decision, a spokesman for Fossil Free AoU said, "This is an extremely disappointing move from the university's Council, in shirking their governance responsibilities to be direction setters for the University as a whole.

"By not even voting on whether to urge the Foundation to divest, the university Council has said it is ok for the Foundation to keep fuelling climate change through its investments. The University of Auckland will continue to lag behind on ethical investment, in being the only major University in New Zealand with no serious restrictions on where it invests."

The motion to support fossil fuel divestment which had the support of more than ten students associations at the university was brought forward by the student representative on the Council, the AUSA President.

Although having some support around the Council table, no vote was taken by the University Chancellor, instead resolving to pass on the students' concerns to the Foundation chair.

In the meeting, the AUSA President said, "Fossil fuel divestment is in line with the University of Auckland Strategic plan, which says that we cannot plunder the future in order to pay for the present. It is also in line with the trends shown by many competitor universities in the Group of Eight and Russell Group Universities."

Meanwhile, both AUSA and Fossil Free UoA said they will continue to push for the university to divest from fossil fuels and establish an ethical investment policy.

Fossil Free AoU said in a statement commenting on the Council's decision that the number of people at the rally as well as the support from student associations, staff and alumni shows that the group believed the momentum is behind the divestment movement and eventually the university administration and the Foundation will be forced to listen.



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## **Auckland Activists Protest at Coal Mine**

### **26 June**

A group of eight activists from the issue motivated group Auckland Coal Action have protested at Solid Energy's Kopako 1 Coal Mine in the Waikato to protest its redevelopment.

The mine site was not being worked at the time and the activists were able to tape off heavy equipment with hazard tape and pose for photographs (see below).

The mine, near Maramarua, in North East Waikato, has been dormant since the 1990's, but Solid Energy has now begun work to revive it and coal mining from a seam has begun.

"Solid Energy is undertaking extensive development of this old coal mine, despite having no customers for the coal, and the international industry being in terminal decline," said a spokesman for the activists.

"Meanwhile, the Government has signed the Paris Agreement which means that we have to get out of coal by 2050, globally, which means coal like this has to stay in the ground. The team walked into the mine site, and spent around an hour at the coalface, wrapping a excavator in 'climate crime scene' tape confirming that new mining has removed the overburden and is now digging up coal. They deployed signs and banners, before leaving again. Among the activists who inspected the mine today was a great grandparent".

Auckland Coal Action says it is also concerned that one of the potential customers for the mine could be Fonterra, the country's second-largest user of coal. Fonterra was planning to open its own coal mine at nearby Mangatawhiri, but has put those plans on permanent hold.

"Solid Energy might be eyeing Fonterra as a potential customer, but Fonterra should be looking at changing its energy source to renewable wood and biomass rather than coal," said the spokesman for the protesters.

He went onto say, "What is clear is that this mine should be kept out of commission - for the climate, for the local environment and for our future."



## **Greenpeace Swipe at Oil Companies**

**24 June**

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland Climate Campaigner has taken a swipe at oil companies with an interest off the North Island coast.

Posting on Facebook to his almost 7,000 followers and friends, he said, "remember the tens of thousands of refugee's that fled from Syria last year and the huge problems that caused in Europe? Now imagine the problems this is going to cause. DEMAND CLIMATE ACTION NOW - FIGHT FOSSIL FUELS - STATOIL - CHEVRON GET OUT OF OUR COASTAL WATERS NOW!"

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### 30 million may lose homes to sea rise

Melting polar ice may leave 30 million people in Bangladesh without homes by the end of the century.

RADICAL ACTION GRANTS

## Grant to Seabed mining Group

### 22 June

The Raglan-based issue motivated group Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) has thanked the activist funding body 'Radical Action Grants' for granting its application for funding.

The group is understood to have been given \$500 towards its ongoing efforts to oppose sea bed mining and offshore exploration for oil and gas.

'Radical Action Grants' is an Auckland-based self-funding group which supports radical grassroots environmental activism (especially climate activism) and aims to help groups less able to access conventional sources of funding.



## **Oil & Gas Prohibition Sought**

### **21 June**

The issue motivated group, Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has spoken at the hearing for the Proposed South Taranaki District Plan, arguing for a prohibition of all oil and gas activities in selected areas.

These areas would be: Residential, Township and Commercial Zones, in the Coastal Protection Area, in Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, in/adjacent to Significant Waterbodies, Regionally Significant Wetlands and Significant Natural Areas.

Activists from CJT told the hearing that hundreds of scientific studies concerning oil and gas development have been conducted internationally, and a "vast majority (84 percent)" of such research has revealed signs of health impacts on nearby communities. "Notably, a detailed study in Colorado concluded that residents living within 800m from gas wells were subject to almost twice the cancer risk than those living beyond 800m," a spokeswoman for the group said.

CJT argues that under the Health Act, the district council has the duty to protect public health within its district. Furthermore, CJT says that under the Resource Management Act, the district council has specific responsibilities in managing the effects of land use in relation to hazardous facilities, contaminated land and natural hazards. It must also have regard to the effects of climate change when managing natural resources.

CJT told the council, that in its view, the proposed plan does not properly

acknowledge or reflect these responsibilities. Based on the above and applying the precautionary principle, CJT said they were requesting the following:

- \* No petroleum associated activities and hazardous facilities or the expansion of such facilities should proceed without a resource consent.

- \* Prohibit petroleum exploration, production, fracking, reinjection and underground gas storage activities in the Residential, Township and Commercial Zones, in the Coastal Protection Area, in Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes, in/adjacent to Significant Waterbodies, Regionally Significant Wetlands and Significant Natural Areas.

- \* Ensure a minimum setback of 800m between sensitive land use (like homes, schools and workplaces), and petroleum exploration, production, fracking, reinjection and underground gas storage activities. Prohibit such activities within the setback.

- \* Beyond the setback, all petroleum associated activities should be discretionary, and all landowners/occupiers within 1,600m should be notified.

- \* Prohibit landfarming and worm farming (that involve petroleum wastes) on food/crop producing land.

- \* Reinstate restrictions on petroleum drilling, fracking and deepwell injection near geological fault lines, with adequate setback determined by independent research.

"This is all about people's right to a safe living environment," said the spokeswoman for Climate Justice Taranaki. "Considering the increasing number of peer-reviewed scientific studies showing the links between increased earthquake events, deepwell injection and fracking, it is extremely unwise to allow these activities, to occur anywhere near fault lines."

"If anyone thinks our proposals are radical or unrealistic, consider this: Many jurisdictions, like France, Germany, Scotland, Tasmania and New York State, have a total ban or moratorium on fracking. France has now also banned all new petroleum exploration.

"If entire countries, states or counties can ban fracking and/or petroleum exploration, surely it is not such a big ask to prohibit or strictly limit oil and gas activities in some areas, to protect human health and places of special environmental and cultural values," she concluded.

CJT's full hearings statement can be read here: <http://tinyurl.com/qn3vel7>





## Northland Mining Protest

### 20 June

In the Far North, protesters opposed to controversial mining exploration north of Whangarei, have picketed the unmarked headquarters of Evolution Mining, which has the rights to explore for gold at Puhipuhi (see photo below).

About 40 protesters took part in the protest, with their spokesman saying his group was acting in response to the mining company bringing in drilling equipment to Puhipuhi. He says the protesters fear the drilling would release toxic deposits into the waterways.

The economic argument for the venture was also weak, he says. "[Evolution] have said this mine would be worth about \$1 billion if it goes ahead. But if you look at where that goes, it goes to foreign investors, Government royalties and fly-in fly-out workers. The only real generators of employment are the protesters because we're forcing them to hire more security," he said.

However, the company's senior geologist and project manager said the company planned to drill up to 10 bore holes, about 10cm in diameter to depths of up to 600m at Puhipuhi. The holes would be plugged and grouted to protect aquifers and would comply with all central and local government requirements, she said.

Even if economic gold deposits were found, mining would still be at least five years away. It would also depend on environmental, economic and engineering feasibility studies, extensive consultation and relevant permits and consents being obtained.

Nevertheless, a spokesman for the Ngati Hau Anti-Mining Group said Evolution Mining simply was not welcome and he was confident the company could be stopped with peaceful, patient direct protest action.

"The way forward is to keep putting pressure on them with peaceful family protest, to make more and more people aware," he said.



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### Oil and Gas Activism



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## **Northland Hui Discusses Offshore Oil**

### **02 July**

A prominent Far North opponent of exploration for oil and gas in the Reinga Basin has reported on what the Labour MP for Te Tai Tokerau has said at a Taumata Kaumatua o Ngapuhi Nui Tonu hui about his interactions with Statoil following the publication of the results of his Christmas postcard campaign asking his constituents their view on offshore exploration.

She says the MP said that Statoil had contacted him after he had publicised the outcome of his Christmas postcard campaign (i.e. 85% of respondents opposed deep sea oil drilling in Te Tai Tokerau).

The activist, who is also a trustee for the Wainui Marae says the MP said the conversation went like this:

[Statoil]: "But we're not looking for oil".

[MP]: "Then what are you doing out there?"

[Statoil]: "We're looking for natural gas."

The activist says that in response to this advice, she now has three thoughts she wants Northland opponents to the oil and gas industry to consider. These are:

"1. Whether it's oil or gas...it's still fossil fuel production, which has got to stop!"

"2. Aren't the greenhouse gas-emitting effects of methane even worse than carbon? So how, in the big scheme of things, does that make drilling for gas in any way, sense or form "better" than drilling for oil!"

"3. Does Statoil's plans in any way involve fracking? If so, I repeat: how does that make drilling for gas in any way, sense or form "better" than drilling for oil?"



## **Petroleum Conference Goes to Taranaki**

### **01 July**

Activist social media response to the announcement the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference will be held in New Plymouth has centred around a belief (by the activists) that the move has been motivated by a desire to avoid the protests that have been a feature of the event when it has been held in Auckland.

However, PEPANZ's CEO says it makes sense to hold New Zealand's biggest petroleum conference in the heart of New Zealand's oil and gas industry and which will see about 500 delegates from around New Zealand travel to New Plymouth to attend.

The conference will include the annual block offer announcement as well as speakers from around the world and the Minister for Energy Resources.

PEPANZ's CEO says New Plymouth securing the conference is a vote of confidence in both the region and the oil and gas industry. "Right now there are 20 on and off-shore fields producing oil in gas in the Taranaki basin," he said.

While Taranaki is currently the only commercial producer of oil in New Zealand other areas up for tender from this year's block offer included 186,181 sqkm opened in the Northland, Reinga, and New Caledonia Basins; 68,661 in the Pegasus and East Coast Basins and 208,632 in the Great South and Canterbury Basins.

The oil and gas is currently employing 11,000 people and contributing \$600 million in royalties and company tax to the country's revenue.



## **Greenpeace Cartoon on Climate Change**

**30 June**

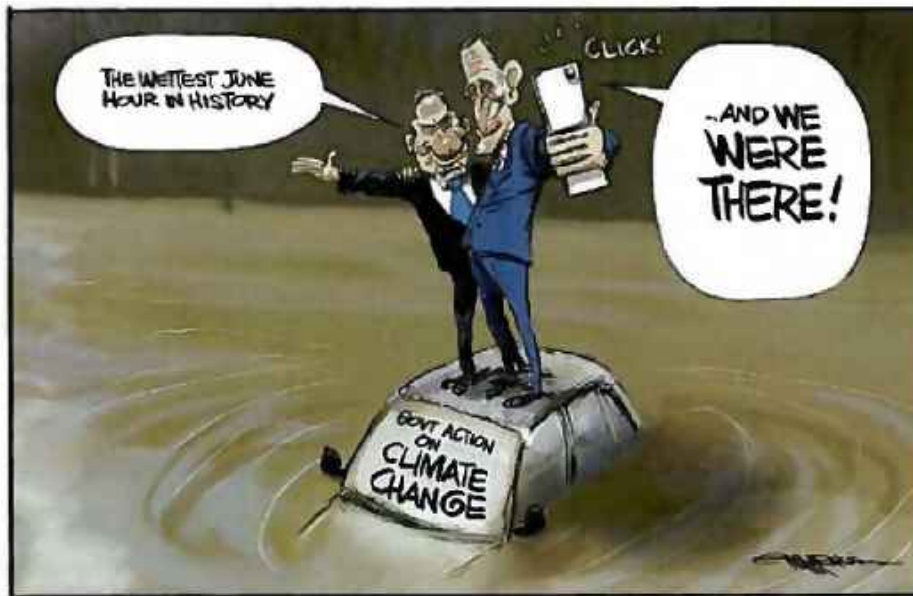
Greenpeace New Zealand last week published this cartoon commentary of its view of what it sees as the Government's inaction on climate change. The cartoon refers to the oil and gas industry as one of the reasons (see below).



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## Activists 'Wrong' on Landfarming

### 29 June

The head of the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) says claims by the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) that landfarms are toxic waste disposal sites are simply wrong and have no scientific basis.

PEPANZ's CEO responded last week to comments made by CJT to the South Taranaki District Council during a hearing on its new District Plan.

PEPANZ's CEO says landfarming is nothing more than taking the ground-up rocks,

mud and minerals left over from drilling activities and recycling them by placing them underneath the topsoil.

"While naturally occurring hydrocarbons might be found in this material, they will be in such low concentrations they pose very little risk," he says.

"A report released last year by Landcare Research found oil and gas drilling waste material is considered to pose no attributable risk to food safety or animal waste, particularly when wastes are incorporated into the shallow subsoil with topsoil. All the waste used for land farming are naturally occurring elements and research actually shows it can significantly improve the quality of unproductive land.

"Applying drilling waste materials onto the coastal and sandy farmland in coastal Taranaki has resulted in vast improvements to that land, which now produces high quality clover-based pastures.

"Landfarming allows rocks and minerals to be recycled to improve the productivity of some soils. It increases clay content and improves the soils ability to retain water and nutrients, and any hydrocarbons present will be broken down naturally by soil organisms."

He also says that given the benefits of landfarming, it is a common and accepted practice internationally to spread these left-over rocks and minerals into the soil.

"The public can be assured that the oil and gas industry takes health and safety extremely seriously and the industry is governed by strong regulation to protect the environment," he said.

"The Taranaki Regional Council has rigorous monitoring procedures in place that govern the operation of landfarms that sees regular reviewing, testing and evaluation and the Ministry of Primary Industries have put in place guidelines for food producers and processors. To claim landfarming is unsafe is wrong and ignores the scientific evidence that shows landfarming is safe and has many benefits," he concluded.

See further item below.



## Activists Call for Landfarming to Stop

**29 June**

The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has called for an end to landfarming in the province.

The group claimed before a South Taranaki District Plan hearing last week that the landfarms are in reality toxic waste disposal sites. Under the proposed plan, landfarming is a permitted activity in the rural zone but the group believes it should not be allowed, especially not on food-producing land.

The group also opposes landfarming in the district's coastal protection area, and in significant water catchments and wetlands.

In the proposed South Taranaki District Plan, landfarming, the practice of spreading oil/gas wastes on farmlands, will continue to be a permitted activity in the Rural Zone.

CJT claims that landfarming should not be permitted in the Rural Zone or anywhere else, especially on food producing land and within the Coastal Protection Area or catchments of Significant Waterbodies and Wetlands.

"As the Frack Free Manawatu Action Group aptly pointed out: a sheep farm produces sheep, a dairy farm produces milk, so it is only logical that land receiving contaminated wastes from the oil/gas industry is likely to become contaminated

wasteland. The only way to prevent farmlands from becoming contaminated wasteland is not to put contaminated waste on farms in the first place," a researcher for Climate Justice Taranaki told the council hearing.

CJT says the district council proposes to halve the Coastal Protection Area from 10,401 hectares to just over 5,000 hectares. One of the council's justification is that much of the coastal environment has been heavily modified due to landfarming and agriculture.

"To be clear, three euphemistically-named landfarms, in reality toxic waste disposal sites, were consented by council within the Coastal Protection Area after 2009. By doing so, these areas have now become so extensively modified that they are no longer worthy of protection – a justification the district council now uses to substantially reduce the overall Coastal Protection Area," says another member of Climate Justice Taranaki who addressed the council.

"This approach is counter to the NZ Coastal Policy Statement under the RMA which requires councils to protect the natural character of the coastal environment, and to restore or rehabilitate degraded or contaminated areas. If council continues with this planning approach, we can expect further degradation of our coastline, with devastating consequences as extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, the result of climate change. Protect it or lose it," he said.

*Photo shows aerials of the three coastal landfarms in South Taranaki consented after 2009.*





## 05 July: Rawene Meeting

The Hokianga Environmental Protection Group is holding a planning meeting on 05 July at the Rawene & Districts Community Development Inc (RAD): Information Resource & Advocacy Centre. The meeting is scheduled for 3pm. This group says its mission is to oppose offshore exploration for oil and gas in the Reinga Basin, and to "educate and promote awareness of offshore and onshore mining intentions within our boundaries."



## 07 July: Climate Workshop

Auckland Climate Workshop: 07 July 2016, 7pm. 'Making Climate Actions Meaningful: Communication Practices in the NZ Climate Movement'. Unite Union Offices, Auckland, 6A Western Springs Road, Auckland.

The organiser of this workshop who is an organiser for the militant Unite Union says, "Communication will have a vital role to play as the climate crisis continues to deepen, and understanding current approaches to climate communication is crucial for ensuring that our communication practices play this vital role.

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## 07 July: Christchurch Climate Meeting

July meeting of climate action group 350 Christchurch at the WEA (Workers Education Association), 59 Gloucester Street, Christchurch, at 7pm. This meeting with discuss campaign feedback and general planning.



## 16 July: Maui's Dolphin Protest

About 124 people say they are going to protest outside the Wellington head offices of the Ministry for Primary Industries on 16 July over what they perceived as a lack of commitment by the Government to save the critically endangered dolphin from extinction. Organised by the Young Greens which claim the National Government is driving into extinction, and "opening up Maui dolphin habitats for oil and gas exploration as well as refusing to protect these dolphins in their entire habitat from commercial fishing".



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## **No Mention But GP Still Blames Oil & Gas**

**10 July**

Despite the IWC specifically not mentioning the Oil and Gas Industry in its latest warning on the survival of the last remaining few Maui's Dolphins, Greenpeace New Zealand has gone ahead anyway and pointed the finger at the Industry as being a culprit.

In a message to supporters on 10 July, Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director referred to the latest warnings from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) on the dolphins' survival, saying, "We know that dolphins hate the seismic activity that the oil exploration industry does."

However, in an acknowledgment of the IWC's actual articulated concern, he also said, "there's so little monitoring of what's going on out there - in the habitat of particularly Maui dolphins, we have to stop using [particular] methods of fishing. And we know what they are, they're gill nets and they're trawling."

In fact, the IWC's latest warning about the critically endangered dolphin's survival doesn't mention any concerns about the Oil and Gas Industry at all. In its latest report, released on 09 July, the IWC's Scientific Committee welcomed new research around the dolphins' welfare but complained that no new management actions had been enacted since 2013.

The committee reiterated its previous recommendation that highest priority should be assigned to immediate management actions to eliminate the fishing industry's bycatch of Maui dolphins, including closures of any fisheries within the range of Maui dolphins that were known to pose a risk of bycatch to dolphins.

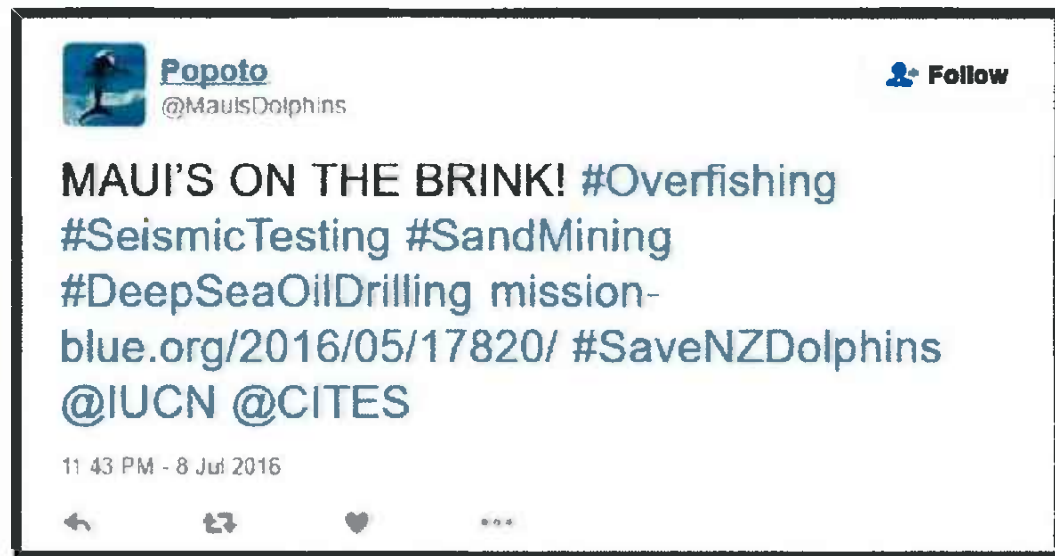
Releases based on the contents of the committee's report, however, made no mention at all of any perceived threats to the dolphins from the activities of Oil and Gas Industry, however.

"Given the information presented this year, the committee concludes, as it has repeatedly in the past, that existing management measures in relation to bycatch mitigation fall short of what has been recommended previously and expresses continued grave concern over the status of this small, severely depleted subspecies," the committee reported.

This stance is supported by the NZ branch of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) whose Head of Campaigns called on the Government to help affected fishermen transition

to dolphin-friendly methods and extend the ban on set netting and traditional trawling to cover all of the Maui's Dolphins' known range.

Again, however, unlike Greenpeace, the WWF also made no mention of concerns about the activities of the Oil and Gas Industry in its statement. Despite this, exploration for deep sea oil and seismic surveying by the Oil and Gas Industry continue to be touted as two of the major threats to the dolphins' survival (see Twitter capture below).



## 'Tweet Storm' for Maui's Dolphins

**08-10 July**

As part of the ongoing campaign to force the Government to introduce stronger preservation measures for the critically endangered Maui's Dolphins, a small group of international activists organised a worldwide 24-hour 'tweet storm' between 08 -10 July.

Among those organising this event was the Head of Endangered Species Conservation at the giant German conservation group NABU International, which has an estimated 530,000 members (as at 01 June 2016).

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## What is Occupying Greenpeace ?

### 08 July

Greenpeace New Zealand, while not forgetting the Oil and Gas Industry has launched a major campaign to stop the \$80 million Ruataniwha Dam in the Hawke's Bay going ahead. The campaign is part of wider one Greenpeace has running with support from the Green Party opposing large scale irrigation schemes.

Last week, it sent a team of activists, which included its Northland Climate Campaigner against Oil and Gas, to Napier to support dozens of local residents protesting outside a scheduled meeting of the council held to discuss the financial aspects of the scheme.

Opponents say the dam is unaffordable and will increase industrial dairy intensification, river pollution, and climate emissions.

The protest involved a degree of street theatre involving claims the ACC is investing in the dam project and where activists dressed in business suits delivered fake bags of money to the council's doorstep. The protest passed peacefully.

Greenpeace's opposition to the dam has included launching legal action in a bid to have the project stopped.