



Activists Target Bank

07 July

About 20 Auckland protesters supporting the climate group 350.org launched a surprised demonstration at the Queen Street branch of the Westpac Bank, last week, where they disrupted business by setting off dozens of alarm clocks.

After making their protest and engaging in some street theatre, the protesters left the bank without incident. In May, 350.org targeted the ANZ in a similar fashion, holding a 'climate change' beach party protest at one ANZ bank outlet in Auckland.

The protesters were supporting a campaign by the issue motivated group 350.org and its New Zealand subsidiary, 350 Aotearoa, which are trying to pressure the ANZ and Westpac banks into divesting from industries involved in the extraction of fossil fuels.

350.org has given the two banks a 'deadline' of six months to divest what it says are billions of dollars invested in fossil fuel industries, otherwise it will mount a campaign encouraging people to boycott both banks.

How realistic that this is yet to be seen, however, 350.org claims that, "despite

making grand statements about their commitment to sustainability, ANZ and Westpac are continuing to lend billions of dollars a year to new coal mines and oil drilling projects - fuelling climate change".

350.org claims says for the last two and a half years, it and its partner organisation in Australia, have approached both the ANZ and Westpac in "numerous ways about divesting from fossil fuels." The IMG says, "we have written to them, passed on reports with the latest research, we have mobilised their customers to get in touch and we have met with them in person."

However, 350.org says this has been to no avail and the so it has given the banks a deadline of 25 November to comply with its demand to divest or its supporters who sign a pledge will stopping banking with them.

Specifically, 35.org wants the banks to:

- Commit to halting all new loans to coal, oil and gas projects
- Commit to withdraw all investments in, and loans to, fossil fuel extraction companies within the next three years

See: <http://act.350.org/sign/anz-westpac-go-fossil-free/>



IT'S TIME TO DIVEST



ANZ and Westpac are two of the largest lenders to fossil fuel projects in Australasia. If bank executives chose to stop lending to them, these projects would never get off the ground. We are giving them six months to divest from fossil fuels, after which poor organisations, businesses, and individuals will begin pulling their money out of these banks.

Background

Despite making grand statements about their commitment to sustainability, ANZ and Westpac are continuing to lend billions of dollars a year to new coal mines and oil drilling projects - fuelling climate change.

For the last two and a half years, we and our partner organisation in Australia have approached both ANZ and Westpac in numerous ways about divesting from fossil fuels. We have written to them, passed on reports with the latest research, we have mobilised their customers to get in touch and we have met with them in person.

In May, over 500 people around the country participated in Break Free 2016, calling on ANZ to withdraw their \$13.5 billion investments in coal and gas projects. In 2014 we targeted Westpac for their financing of the new Derwent Plateau coal mine.

Enough is enough.
Now we are giving them six months to make it happen.



TO: DAVID BRISCO, CEO, ANZ BANK, NEW ZEALAND, AND DAVID MCLEAN, CEO, WESTPAC NEW ZEALAND

Dear Mr Brisco and Mr McLean,

In the face of climate change, we all have choices. We can choose to be part of the problem, or part of the solution. I am choosing to be part of the solution, and would like to see ANZ and Westpac also stop being part of the problem.

I call on ANZ and Westpac NZ to live up to their climate change policies and make commitments to divest from fossil fuels.

I am calling on ANZ and Westpac to:

- Develop a policy stating that no investments will be made in coal, oil and gas (and) jobs
- Commit to withdraw all investments in, and loans to, fossil fuel extraction companies within the next three years

ANZ and Westpac have six months to fulfil this request.

If the request to divest from fossil fuels is not fulfilled by November 30th, 2016, I pledge to:

- Withdraw my money from ANZ/Westpac (if I currently use their services)
- AND/OR Participate in activities to encourage your banks to divest from fossil fuels
- AND Encourage others to join this movement

Sign:

Name

Email address

City

Country

Phone (with country code)

Activists Struggle to Pay the Bills

06 July

A month after their paid experts gave supporting evidence on their behalf in submissions to the South Taranaki District to impose more control on oil and gas activities, including separation zones of up to 1000 metres around large sites, the issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch is struggling to pay them for their work.

A 'givealittle' fundraising page set up to raise money for the \$16,000 owed to the four experts still hasn't raised even a quarter of that amount (see photo below).

Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) hired four specialists in legal, air emission, planning and risk management who spoke on behalf of the group at a hearing for the council's new district plan in June.

In a plea to supporters on 06 July to meet the \$16,000, TEW's co-ordinator said "If all of us pitch in \$100, we can meet our target. Every dollar helps so please share with your friends who may be able to help as well."

TEW claims the evidence given by the four experts, "contradicts the council's proposed rules and oil and gas companies submissions supporting the council's position. This evidence means the companies should only be able to operate with a much greater consideration of the risk to the communities and a much greater say from the public," it says.



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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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Greenpeace Looking for Activists

14 July

Greenpeace is advertising for people to become activists for the organisation if they think they had got what makes a good activist.

It is promoting a self test (see photo below) on the Greenpeace NZ Facebook page which is designed it says to determine if a person is suitable to become a Greenpeace activist.

The test consists of a series of questions, asking for example for people to select a theme song from a provided list such as 'Eye of the Tiger' from the movie 'Rocky III'.

Those taking the test are also asked to:

- * Name which chores they would be prepared to do aboard Greenpeace's flagship Rainbow Warrior III, including cleaning the toilets.
- * Say what defines courage for them.
- * Which one luxury item would they take if they occupied a coal-fired power station.
- * What one job they would want Greenpeace to focus on.
- * What role they would volunteer for to stop an oil rig operating.

Greenpeace says it will be looking through the results to find volunteers to "help with something quite extraordinary very soon".

See: <https://www.onlythebold.org/>.



Lessons from the Petroleum Conference

12 July

Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) has published a detailed piece on what it believes were the lessons learned from protests it organised against the 2016 Petroleum Conference. It also provides a valuable insight into how the organisation works in terms of protest planning.

In March this year, GPNZ called on the public to help it blockade the annual New Zealand Petroleum Conference in Auckland. The action marked the first time GPNZ has invited the general public to directly participate in a non-violent direct action (NVDA) protest. It marked an attempt at wider public engagement in such actions.

GPNZ says many of the public who took up the invitation did not have a prior relationship with Greenpeace nor any NVDA experience. This action was Greenpeace New Zealand's first attempt at running a public NVDA. By opening up the action to the public, GPNZ says it sought to "enable and empower" as broad a spectrum of society as possible.

GPNZ claims over 200 people participated in a "dignified and peaceful manner" and claims it caused significant disruption to the conference.

New Tactics

GPNZ says it also used the occasion to also test new climate campaign tactics, particularly involving open campaigning. Many participants had never taken part in direct action protests before. GPNZ says some went on to participate in other climate protest actions like those organised by climate group 350.org recently against the ANZ and Westpac banks over their commercial links with the oil and gas and coal industries.

GPNZ says opening up the direct action proved to be an important step forward for the organisation in terms of public engagement. It says many of its project team operated outside their comfort zone and reported learning important lessons. The logistics of the protest seemed simple – a blockade of a building that GPNZ staff knew well from previous protest events. But announcing the event four weeks in advance and inviting the public to join in gave the team much more to work through.

Greenpeace Risk Assessment

GPNZ reveals that before any protest, it conducts a risk assessment. The risk assessment for this protest, it says, needed to cover more ground than usual and took longer than expected. For example, all of the public communications ahead of the event had to be thoroughly checked.

In addition, GPNZ says Greenpeace's normal approach to project coordination didn't fit for this type of open protest action. The project leader felt that the broader project team should be reaching consensus on important decisions. Unfortunately, this was not explicitly recognised from the start and the group didn't use effective processes to reach consensus.

GPNZ reports that early planning included circular discussions and meeting fatigue. Poor group dynamics shut down innovation and increased tension among planners. However, GPNZ says by the time of the protest action, the project team was making good decisions and taking shared responsibility for the risks involved.

Limits to Openness

Despite the 'public nature' of the protest, GPNZ says there had to be limits to the openness of the action. It says balancing risk and openness is a big deal for Greenpeace. Shifting from secure methods of coordination to highly networked mobilisation is unlikely to happen in one leap. For this protest, GPNZ says it chose not to work in coalition with other issue motivated groups.

Event coordination roles were limited to GPNZ staff, although next time, GPNZ says it "might "work with trusted allies or even invite participants to co-create elements of the activity.

It describes this protest action as "a first step on a journey towards more open or networked actions."

Building the right culture

GPNZ says in New Zealand it draws on the Maori concept of 'kaupapa' (a set of principles people agree on as a foundation for joint behaviour). Greenpeace says establishing the kaupapa, particularly around the principle of nonviolence, helped mitigate many of the risks that "kept the project team awake at night."

GPNZ encouraged participants to attend a three-hour public briefing the day before the action. Those that couldn't attend were briefed on the morning of the action. All communications in advance of the event focussed on the idea of peaceful civil disobedience, it says.

Protesters were also placed in affinity groups, each led by experienced Greenpeace activists, that encouraged participants to take joint accountability for themselves and the activity. Participants shared responsibility for maintaining the kaupapa and self-policing confrontational behaviour and helping latecomers be absorbed into the activity.

The Importance of Facebook

GPNZ says Facebook provided a central organising platform for the protest.

However, multiple digital channels were still used to promote the event, including supporter emails and the GPNZ website.

GPNZ says the project team debated using a Facebook events page but some were concerned about releasing too much information to the public too quickly. GPNZ's in-house Digital Team promoted the protest via short shareable videos and Facebook images focusing on historic examples of non-violent direct action.

The event page also provided a forum for potential participants to voice concerns and ask questions ahead of the event. GPNZ says it believes with attentive moderation by members of the core team, this helped to establish the kaupapa and mobilise participants.

Outreach

However, GPNZ says it recognises social media can only do so much. GPNZ put significant resources into face-to-face outreach to potential allied groups and participants. It hired a temporary staff member to meet with religious groups, grassroots organisations, trade unions and others. GPNZ said this helped build trust with groups not normally associated with confrontational protest. As a result, participation at the event was more diverse than usual. But NZ says one of the team's objectives was to open up participation in the protest to as wide a spectrum of society as possible, including engagement to groups not normally associated with environmental activism.

GPNZ claims this was a big success – the protest action had a good mix of age, ethnicity and gender. But it says the project team learned that maintaining and building diverse participation is a long-term project. GPNZ says it acknowledges that forming relationships with community and religious groups will take time and mutual respect.

Duty of Care

One of the main issue confronting the protest was the acknowledgement that Greenpeace can't provide the same levels of protection and support for participants of mass NVDA actions as it does for small, closed teams of activists.

GPNZ also says participants also have to take responsibility for themselves. However, the GPNZ team recognised it had a duty of care over participants in terms of safety, legal repercussions, and comfort. Fundamental to this was ensuring that participants had given informed consent for the protest. That is, they knew the basic plan for the action and understood the risks. GPNZ says this again made the preliminary briefing a cornerstone of its plan.

Greenpeace says it advised those attending that if they were arrested, it would offer

limited legal support (like arranging an initial lawyer and looking to facilitate fundraising activities if there were any fines) as long as people had followed the kaupapa.

Finally, the project team put some thought into activists' comfort on the day by providing snacks and hot drinks.

Flow On Effect

GPNZ claims the protest didn't just boost Greenpeace activist numbers, but also aimed to help build the wider climate movement by encouraging each participant to support other issue motivated groups.

For example, it says 350.org's 'Break Free' (from fossil fuels) campaign came two months after GPNZ's Petroleum Conference protest. GPNZ says it worked closely with 350.org to ensure that activists who participated in Greenpeace's protest were encouraged to take part in the 'Break Free' campaign. It says at least one participant in the petroleum conference protest gained the confidence to organise his own 'Break Free' protest. Many others participated in both protest events.

Security

GPNZ says to reduce the risk to participants GPNZ did not capture their data prior to the petroleum conference protest. Although in retrospect, it feels that team leaders should have asked activists for contact details on the day. However, team leaders did invite participants to a hot debrief immediately after the protest. This proved hugely useful to feedback into GPNZ's evaluation, it says.

GPNZ says it deliberately did not release details of the protest, such as the intention to blockade the conference centre. GPNZ also did not release the location of the public briefing. Instead, it asked participants to come to a meeting point and then took them to the room where the briefing was being held. GPNZ claims it did this in order to protect the owners of the establishment where they had hired a room.

The project team prepared an information sheet for staff moderating the Facebook event page and supporter services so that they could respond to requests for additional information about the protest. However, GPNZ says this often just meant suggesting people came to the briefing so that they could find out more.

GPNZ allowed people to participate in the protest who had not attended the public briefing, however it "strongly encouraged" people to attend the public briefing, saying it would improve the chances of the protest's success.

It asked those who couldn't make it to come to a 20 minute briefing on the morning of the action. These people were then assigned to team-leaders who gave them further detail and introduced them to the teams. This approach worked because the

teams and the kaupapa had already been established, meaning newcomers could easily be absorbed.

The Risks Involved

GPNZ says that as long as participants respected the kaupapa (ie the agreed philosophy of the protest) it would offer some legal support. GPNZ agreed that if people incurred legal fines or costs while it would not pay for them, it would facilitate fundraising activities to assist with the costs.

GPNZ said its worst case scenario would have been individuals or groups of participants being violent or overly confrontational. It hoped to avoid this by emphasising throughout its communication in advance, the briefing and on the day, that the event was peaceful.

GPNZ said it also focused most of its public communications around key figures or movements who had used peaceful civil disobedience such as Ghandi, Rosa Parks, and the NZ Suffragette Movement. Having the public briefing before the event and establishing strong teams also helped ensure that participants followed the kaupapa (agreed culture of the event).

GPNZ's second fear was that the police would be heavy-handed. Again it says it used the briefing to give people the skills to de-escalate confrontations. GPNZ also ensured that it had a police liaison person at all the entrances it intended to block.

GPNZ claims that if the police had completely prevented it from getting near to the SkyCity Convention Centre, it had a Plan B where participants could still stage a valuable protest. However, GPNZ has refused to divulge what Plan B entailed.

Finally, GPNZ says a third concern it had was around numbers and what would it do if too few or too many people turned up on the day. Therefore, GPNZ says it built flexibility into the plan and had different logistical scenarios depending on the size of mobilisation.



19 July: Greenpeace Auckland Promotion

From 19 - 24 July, Greenpeace New Zealand is staging a free virtual reality trip to the Arctic as part of its long running 'Save the Arctic' campaign to oppose exploration for oil and gas in the polar region.

Over this period, Greenpeace volunteers will be in Aotea Square from 11am-5pm offering people the chance to see what the Arctic is really like via virtual reality headsets.



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Want to go to the Arctic?

20 July: New Wellington Climate Group

The youth climate group 'Generation Zero' has established a branch at Victoria University. The group is having its first meeting on campus on 20 July at 5.30pm, where it says it will be talking about Generation Zero's national-wide campaign called the 'Zero Carbon Act'. The group says it will also be discussing its sustainable transport vision for Wellington, and ideas for campaigns with a focus around Victoria University.



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Generation Zero's "Let's Get Active"

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Commentator Gives GPNZ a 'Serve'

24 July

A leading trans-Tasman resource sector commentator and author on industry matters has delivered a scathing 'serve' on Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) about its alarmist and unrealistic behaviour.

Writing for the 'Australian' and industry website NZResources.com, Ross Louthean (AAusIMM) describes Greenpeace New Zealand as having "generated yet more alarmist information about global warming, weather patterns and has even pointed a finger of blame at the New Zealand Government."

He was referring to a press release from GPNZ's Executive Director on 20 July saying that the Prime Minister and "and his senior ministers claim to believe in the science of climate change, yet their pro-fossil fuel policies and total absence of climate action are consistent with actual climate denial."

While agreeing that Greenpeace won the 'hearts and minds' of most on fighting against modern whaling and its defense in the past when governments around the world were undertaking nuclear testing, he says that the claim this week by GPNZ's Executive Director in using data from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "showing the planet is in a state of crisis" could well have once again been a case of selective memory.

He says that same claim was made recently about a hottest month 'on record' in NZ from a single organisation looking at a winter phase. "Right now, many Kiwis would be wanting to return to those cited, moderate temperatures."

He takes GPNZ's CEO to task for "railing against Prime Minister John Key – talking of 'record-smashing new temperature data' – for continuing to support mining, oil and gas exploration, coal mining and the persistent use of fossil fuel, following the Paris climate change talks."

Mr Louthean suggest that perhaps NZ's Prime Minister has an eye on financial and social economic responsibility on such things as Government income from production and salaries and for job security, and "not on the fable of all this being replaced by green energy."

He says that Greenpeace NZ and the NZ Green Party have a "blinkered view" on coal, fossil fuel and demand 100 percent renewable energy, even when in New Zealand's case this might not be achievable.

He gives as one example, the extended life given to the Huntly coal and gas-fired power station by Genesis Energy in agreement with other generators because other NZ energy providers realised that it provides a backup against times when wind turbines don't turn or when rain doesn't replenish hydro-storage.

He warns of the danger of allowing Greenpeace, the Greens and left wing members of parliament pushing for an immediate elimination of fossil fuel means of energy.

As for Greenpeace, he says, perhaps its members should listen to the scientist Patrick Moore who was one of the movement's founding fathers.

"He lectures these days on the need not to demonise carbon dioxide, to understand fossil fuels will remain important and for political science organisations to give balanced rather than inaccurate data. He told a conference in London recently that fudged figures were being produced by scientific and weather monitoring organisations in many parts of the world, including Australia, to maintain scenarios that were alarmist rather than real," says Mr Louthean.

Finally, he points out that at that event Patrick Moore quit Greenpeace because it changed with radicals taking up agendas that "belied scientific balance or reality."



NIWA Survey Ship For Whale Death

22 July

Despite the fact its activities were completely unrelated to seismic surveying, anti-oil and gas activists have blamed NIWA's survey vessel 'Tangaroa' for the recent death of a blue whale washed up on a private beach north of Kerikeri (see photo below).

Since the 'Tangaroa' undertook contract survey work for the oil and gas industry November last year and the vessel targeted for protest by Greenpeace NZ, a small group of activists have been regularly tracking and reporting on the vessel's movements.

Because the 'Tangaroa' happened to be at sea at the same time the whale was washed up, the assumption has been made there is a connection between two.

NIWA victim left on the beach to rot and be mutilated...



Beached whale robbed of fins

People have hacked pieces off the distinctive tail-less whale that washed up near

Greenpeace NZ Offers \$80k Salary

20 July

Greenpeace NZ is looking to employ a new Lead Climate Campaigner and is prepared to offer up to \$80,000 pa for the right person.

This week Greenpeace floated an advertisement for a new Lead Climate

Campaigner, again signaling that the organisation continues to go through an integral upheaval and staffing restructure since the new Executive Director left the Green Party to take over the job.

Several senior and long serving Greenpeace NZ campaigners have left the organisation in the last few months as younger blood has been promoted up the chain.

This latest advertisement for a new senior staffer offers a salary of between \$60-80,000 in return for developing and leading the implementation of GPNZ's campaign strategies, which GPNZ says will lead its local response and deliver objectives for its ongoing climate campaigns.

GPNZ says the job is a key senior position within its Auckland-based Programme Department, reporting to the Programme Director.

The advertisement says the Lead Climate Campaigner is "responsible for developing and leading the implementation of campaign strategies which will deliver objectives for the climate campaign. This will be done through an innovative range of action and mobilisation-led campaign tools and tactics. The successful candidate will play a key leadership role in the team and wider organisation in driving and delivering campaign objectives."

GPNZ also says the Lead Climate campaigner role demands the "highest level of dynamic campaigning skills to lead this most critical of campaign areas."

The ideal candidate will possess the following experience, attributes and competencies:

- Have a thorough scientific and political knowledge of climate and energy issues
- Strategic and innovative thinker about how to make change
- Project management, including ability to effectively adjust plans to rapidly changing circumstances
- Advanced analysis and problem solving skills
- Highly developed relationship building, networking and lobbying skills
- High level of media competency, able to act as a media spokesperson
- In-depth knowledge of local and/or regional politics and socio-economic environment
- Commitment to the principles of te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Demonstrated experience in creating developing and leading effective teams
- Values and supports diversity and inclusion

In addition, Greenpeace says the successful candidate will have at least three years' relevant experience, for example working with advocacy groups/NGOs, with a

demonstrable understanding of and skills in using a wide range of campaign tactics to achieve objectives. Applications close on 05 August.

The image shows a collage of various job advertisement snippets. A large magnifying glass is positioned over the center, focusing on the words "JOB VACANCIES" in large, bold, black letters. The background consists of several overlapping text boxes and fragments of ads:

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'Naki IMG Disputes PEPANZ Comments

19 July

The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has taken issue with comments from the Chief Executive of the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) published in the 15 July issue of the 'Opunake & Coastal News' stating that, "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".

Climate Justice Taranaki says that perception is wrong says it pointed out at the public hearings on the Proposed South Taranaki District Plan, the euphemistically termed 'landfarming' is actually the spreading of contaminated oil/gas wastes on farmland, and mostly on the coast in South Taranaki.

"By avoiding unpleasant words like 'carcinogenic, heavy metals and toxic waste disposal', and using relatively benign words like 'rocks, mud and recycling', the industry wants us to believe that it is a good thing to use farmland for disposal of contaminated wastes that the industry generates," says CJT's Researcher.

CJT says compliance monitoring by the Taranaki Regional Council reveals a wide

range of contaminants that can be expected on a landfarm, including heavy metals (e.g. Arsenic, Chromium, Mercury), BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, Xylene) and PAHs (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons). All are toxic to humans and livestock at low concentrations. Some cause cancer.

The group also says that at WRS Manawapou landfarm, elevated levels of benzene and toluene were detected in the groundwater near one storage pit in 2014, breaching the resource consent. At BTW Oeo landfarm, trace levels of benzene and elevated salinity were recorded in one monitoring bore. At Waikaikai landfarm, the total dissolved salts in groundwater under one spreading area was more than double the consented limit. At least one site, BTW Vanner landfarm in Kakaramea, has received drilling wastes from the East Coast, as other councils have wisely not allowed landfarming in their districts.

CJT says it emphasized at the hearings that NZ's regulations are far laxer than international standards. E.g. the acceptable soil endpoints for benzene (1.1-6.7mg/kg) recommended by Landcare, MPI and the MfE are orders of magnitude higher than those required in Alberta (0.046-0.073mg/kg), Canada.

Crucially, while short chain hydrocarbons readily biodegrade, longer chain hydrocarbons and heavy metals are typically persistent – a reason why only one-time disposal of petroleum wastes is allowed on landfarms. Furthermore, because of the potential harm to neighbours, the Canadian government requires a 500 metres minimum setback between homes and landfarms. Yet the South Taranaki District Council proposes landfarming to be a 'Permitted' activity in the Rural Zone, not even requiring a landuse consent.

"The one-time disposal restriction means that the oil/gas industry will always need more land to dispose of their toxic wastes for as long as they drill new wells or rework old wells to continue production. In 2013, Fonterra announced that they would not accept milk from new landfarms. So what has the industry in mind for the coastal land that has supposedly become more 'productive' as a result of landfarming?

To date, there is no research to demonstrate that meat or crops produced from such land is safe. Given the variable range and toxicity of wastes, such research would need to be ongoing and likely be prohibitively costly. And what would such produce be worth, with the ever more stringent demand for assured quality? Is spreading contaminated wastes on farms the smartest way of using our valuable yet vulnerable coastal area, at a time when extreme weather events are becoming more frequent? Shouldn't we be investing in coastal protection instead?" she says.



Opposition to Northland Mining

16 July

Writing in the Northern Advocate, a leading opponent to mining in Northland by Australian company Evolution Mining has advised other opponents that, "This is a struggle you can win. Keep up the fight with knowledge that not only is right on your side, but also history."

Referring to operations in Northland by Evolution Mining, he claims the company's current projects in Northland are "doomed to failure" not only because of "growing public opposition" but also because the profit case for mining gold at sites like Evolution's Puhipuhi site is very fragile.

"The easy gold is gone from New Zealand, " he argues. "There are no big nuggets in Northland. It's all tiny specks that require an expensive and toxic process to extract. The ratio of gold to waste product is 10 parts to a million."

He says for high risk mining companies to make a profit, three core conditions must exist. Firstly, the price of gold has to be extremely high to justify the immense costs involved. Secondly, companies like Evolution Mining need interest rates to be low, so the cost of borrowing to fund new capital investment is kept to a minimum. Interest rates are low thanks to the Reserve Bank worldwide pursuing a policy of increasing the money supply and encouraging borrowing. This strategy cannot last indefinitely without another major financial crisis occurring. Higher interest rates will return.

Thirdly, he argues the only way a mining company can profit at all from an operation like Puhipuhi is if the full cost of dealing with the toxic waste is pushed on to others, literally, downstream. He claims the type of mining proposed will leach untold toxic minerals into waterways including mercury, arsenic, cadmium and cyanide - a poisonous brew that risks getting into our food supply.

He further claims, that given the tight profit margins, any mining company will need to cut corners when it comes to disposing of millions of tonnes of waste. There can be no guarantee that a high rainfall event won't result in flooding of the mine, causing an unprecedented environmental catastrophe in Northland.

"The monetary cost of any attempted clean up would fall on the government and local councils (ultimately us as tax/ratepayers) not to mention the ecological cost that generations would have to live with," he says.

He claims that Evolution Mining is engaging in a "high stakes game to limit their responsibility for any environmental damage. Hence their behind the scenes lobbying of the National Government."

The response, he argues, is for tight environment restrictions and liability that would quickly force Evolution Mining to abandon the region, insisted upon by the local body involved in any resource consents.



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Activist Refutes Oil and Gas Claims

30 July

An Invercargill engineer who is the spokesman for a South Island anti-fracking issue motivated group has challenged comments made last week by the CEO of the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) saying that a significant oil or gas discovery in the Great South Basin, or the Solander and Belany Basins, off the Southland coast, could bring millions, if not billions, of dollars of investment into the region.

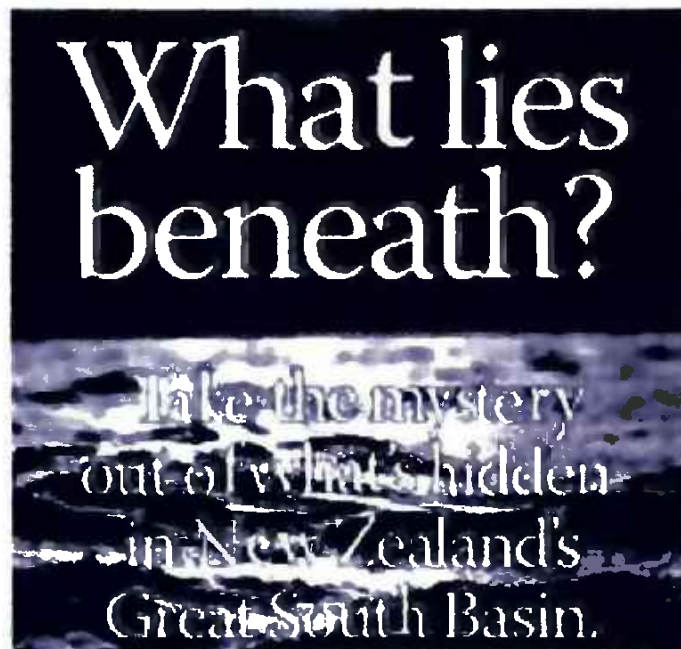
"A near-offshore field could mean more than \$3 billion of investment, creating 270 jobs in the development phase. A major offshore gas field could mean a massive \$19.3 billion of investment," he said. However, while the oil and gas industry could be "game-changing" for the Southland economy, a lack of adequate facilities meant large-scale exploration faced serious challenges, he added.

Responding to this, and speaking for the group 'Say No to Fracking and Drilling South Island' the Invercargill engineer said it was important to remember economies were determined by the environment, and environmental damage caused by drilling would have an impact on the economy as well as contributing to climate change.

"Regional economies will be stronger in the medium to long term if they move past the 20th century 'short term planning' mindset, and recognise that taking a bit of pain in the short term and putting our capacity in to resilience building and transition activities is really the only option that constitutes a positive response to the reality we face," he said.

The group's spokesman also claimed the extreme depth of the water in the Great South Basin, with water depths of about 1400 metres in many places which would require well depths of 3000 metres or more, and risk of earthquakes meant there was also a higher probability of spills such as the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

He claims that a better solution for Southland's future energy policy would be smarter growth by considering long-term impacts.



Protest For Maui's Dolphins

29 July

Dozens of protesters defied winter weather in Wellington to protest outside the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) head offices demanding stronger measures to save New Zealand's Maui's dolphins from what very well may be extinction.

The protest was organised by a Greenpeace worker from Taranaki, who says there are only about 42 Maui's left in the world and their numbers are dropping by about four or five a year due to what he claims are encroachments made by the fishing and oil and gas industries on the dolphin's natural habitat. "Maui's dolphins are getting killed off for money," he told TVNZ News.

New Zealand, he said, stands on the brink of wiping out the world's rarest dolphin. "I think there actually hasn't been a man-made extinction of cetaceans before. So dolphins, if they go extinct, New Zealand is going to be the first country in the world to make a dolphin species extinct from man, from commercial fishing, from oil and gas exploitation of our waters," he said.

"It kind of hurts my New Zealand pride a little bit that New Zealand species, like Maui's dolphins are getting killed off for money."

The Greenpeace worker says New Zealand has to change its approach, especially towards commercial fishing and the toll it takes on dolphin populations. He also said he plans to organise another protest but hopes to include other IMGs this time.



Kiwi Reviewing GP's Protest Tactics

28 July

The high regard in which Greenpeace International holds the experience and skills of New Zealand activists was illustrated this week when Greenpeace New Zealand's Auckland-based National Coordinator of Volunteers was chosen as one of eight activists from around the world to formulate a new global Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) training programme for Greenpeace worldwide.

The female 'professional' activist has worked for Greenpeace NZ for many years and is herself a seasoned and highly experienced protester who has specialised in more daring areas of protest, such as occupying ships. She is no stranger to arrest and has taken part in Greenpeace protest campaigns against Genesis Energy in the past. She is spending a week in Brussels! working at the Greenpeace Belgium office with a group of seven other experienced Greenpeace NVDA trainers working on developing Greenpeace International's new global NVDA training programme.

Greenpeace's NVDA training programme was first developed 14 years ago and is now being reviewed and updated with new tactics Greenpeace has developed since that time - including such-on-the water tactics as "kayaktivism" which Greenpeace

has developed against the oil and gas industry. This involves blockading harbours or ships with lots of protesters in kayaks (see photo below) and was deployed against Shell in May last in an effort to prevent the oil rig Polar Pioneer leaving Seattle Harbour.

See: <https://nstrimble.wordpress.com/2015/05/17/paddle-in-seattle/>



Northland IMG Debates its Future

25 July

The leader of the Far North issue motivated group 'Stop Statoil Te Hiku' has asked his members if it was time the group closed its Facebook page and move onto combat other environmental issues.

In his own words, he says that, "some would consider we were successful in our aim to stop Statoil, so should we keep this group going, or is it time to turn our attention to the next battle to protect our environment?"

One prominent member of the group, who is active in several other North Island IMGs, replied, "Statoil have not gone away until they hand in their permits. Their Northland exploration permit lasts until 2029 and they have joint permits with OMV and Chevron along the east coast from Hawkes Bay to Cook Strait that last until 2030."

Another member of the group said, "Statoil hasn't surrendered its permits. So I say

keep it going. Even if it does surrender them, we can be sure there will be a clamour from other henchmen of the Devil to grab them."

It appears no firm decision has been reached, and the group's Facebook page continues to be active.



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Dunedin Fossil Free Workshop

07 August

The Dunedin university-based issue motivated group 'Fossil Free Otago Uni' held a public narratives workshop, which the group says explored the importance of using both personal and group narratives as a tool within the divestment, and climate justice movement.

The group says, "While the 'story of self' expresses the values or experiences that call each person to take leadership on climate change, the 'story of us' can communicate the values and experiences that a community, organisation, campaign or movement shares and what capacity or resources that community of 'us' has to accomplish its goals. Finally, the 'story of now' communicates the urgent challenge we are called upon to face now, thus calling us to action."

The event was held in the Evison Lounge, at the Otago University Students' Association, and the group says the ages of those in attendance ranged from 11 years - 20 years.



Greenpeace NZ Criticises Drilling Plans

06 August

Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) has criticised BP for its first big offshore drilling project since the Deepwater Horizon Disaster, saying it is not far from New Zealand waters.

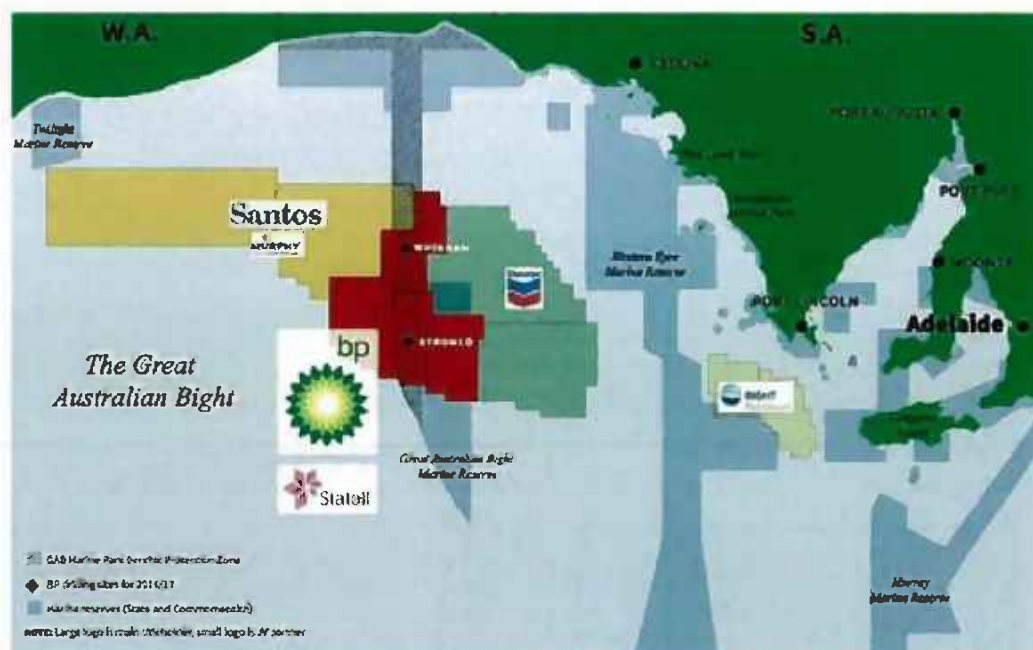
Commenting on the decision, GPNZ says, "BP - the company responsible for the

Deepwater Horizon disaster - plans to go drilling in rougher and deeper seas, surrounded by endangered baby whales...not far from New Zealand in the sub-Antarctic waters of the Great Australian Bight".

GPNZ is supporting the Wilderness Society of South Australia, which has campaigned hard against oil and gas drilling in bight, and says BP would put marine life at risk.

The society says the Great Australian Bight is a haven for whales, boasting the world's most significant southern right whale nursery as well as many humpback, sperm, blue and beak whales.

Despite the criticism from groups like the society and Greenpeace, more than 1000 local businesses have shown interest in plans to drill four petroleum exploration wells in the Great Australian Bight by registering with the Australian Industry Capability Network to keep abreast of procurement opportunities.



GPNZ Again Blames Oil & Gas Industry

05 August

Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) while celebrating the news that the number of native Hector's Dolphins have nearly doubled, has again accused the oil and gas industry of posing a threat to them and the even rarer Maui's Dolphins.

GPNZ has again claimed that in addition to commercial fishing, oil exploration and drilling, and seabed mining are also threats to both the Maui's and Hector's dolphins.

It said last week that, "The New Zealand Government has issued oil exploration permits right inside the marine Mammal Sanctuary where Maui's dolphins live. If drilling goes ahead and there is a deep sea blow-out in the waters adjacent to their habitat, the potential oil spill could mean the end for these rare little dolphins".

GPNZ is running an online petition which seeks to ban seismic testing from within 20 nautical miles of the dolphins' marine sanctuary's boundary. Greenpeace's petition makes the misleading claim that "the New Zealand Government has recently issued new oil permits right inside the Marine Mammal Sanctuary where Maui's dolphins live. Seismic testing for oil drilling is underway now." Greenpeace has not said how many people to date have signed the petition which has been running all year.

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Iwi Calls for Submissions on Block Offer

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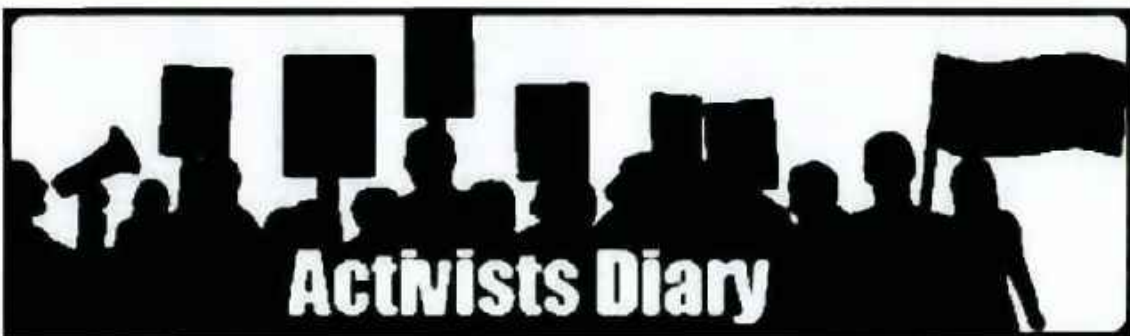
The Far North issue motivated group, 'Taikaha - the relentless power of the ocean' has reminded supporters that the Te Rarawa iwi is asking members for their views on the New Zealand Petroleum Exploration Block Permits within the Reinga and

Northland Basin areas.

Taikaha says the areas begin offshore only 12 nautical miles and extend onwards off 200 nautical miles. The last date for questions is 5.00pm (NZST) on 17 August 2016.

The closing date for bids, it says is 5.00pm (NZST) on 07 September 2016.

Taikaha was set up by Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland Climate Campaigner to promote opposition to Statoil's exploration operations in the Far North. Its Facebook page is also administered by him. The group's emblem is of a wave formed into a fist to smash an offshore oil rig (see photo below).



10-11 August: EDS 2016 Conference

The Environmental Defence Society (EDS) is holding its annual conference in Auckland on 10-11 August at the Viaduct Events Centre. This year's conference has attracted over 250 registrations and will "explore New Zealand's Wild Places and

assess both emerging threats and exciting new opportunities.

It will draw on insights from international and local experience, case studies and workshops. It will look creatively at the development of powerful new synergies between conservation and tourism and will explore novel management and funding initiatives".

See: www.edskonference.com/

The poster features a scenic landscape with a road leading towards a bright horizon, possibly a sunset or sunrise. The title 'Wild Places' is written in large, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below the image, the dates '10-11 August 2016' and the location 'Viaduct Events Centre Auckland' are listed. The website 'www.edskonference.com' is also present. At the bottom, the EDS logo is displayed, which includes a stylized blue and green graphic and the text 'EDS' in bold, with 'ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN STUDIOS' written in smaller letters underneath.

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16 August: Wellington Anti-Fracking Event

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Oil Free Wellington describes this event as a "community meeting" and film screening. The group has arranged for the leader of another group, Frack Free Kapiti

to speak about "fracking and the oil industry, what has been happening in Taranaki, and what we can do about it."

Following this, two short films will be screened about fracking activism in Australia and the United States. Oil Free Wellington says the meeting will also discuss opportunities for future action, including "solidarity actions" in Wellington. This suggests the group may be targeting the premises of oil companies in Wellington in retaliation for operations conducted overseas.



Climate Change and Fracking/onshore Oil and Gas in Aotearoa - resistance and community action

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Ban on Sonar to Protect Sea Mammals

14 August

A recent US Federal Appeals Court ruling has set a precedent for the ban of the use of naval sonar during peacetime in order to protect sea mammals. The finding has determined that the US Navy was wrongly allowed to use sonar during peacetime that could harm whales and other marine life.

The US Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sitting in San Francisco has reversed a lower court decision upholding approval granted in 2012 for the US Navy to use low-frequency sonar for training, testing, and routine operations. The five-year approval covered peacetime operations in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans, and the Mediterranean Sea.

The ruling came down to an interpretation of the US National Marine Protection Act, which prohibits any US citizen, agency, or organization from harming whales, dolphins, and seals. As a result, the US Navy will be barred from using its deep submarine hunting sonar in much of the world's oceans during peacetime.

The 2012 rules adopted by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) permitted US Navy sonar use to affect about 30 whales and two dozen seals and marine mammals with front and rear flippers, such as seals and sea lions, each year.

The Navy was required to shut down or delay sonar use if a marine mammal was detected near a vessel. Loud sonar pulses also were banned near coastlines and in certain protected waters.

Environmental groups, led by the US Natural Resources Defense Council, filed a lawsuit in San Francisco in 2012, arguing the approval violated the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The appellate court panel of judges has ruled 3-0 that the approval rules failed to meet a section of the protection act requiring peacetime oceanic programs to have "the least practicable adverse impact on marine mammals".

"We have every reason to believe that the Navy has been deliberate and thoughtful in its plans to follow NMFS guidelines and limit unnecessary harassment and harm to marine mammals," the appellate ruling said.

However, the panel concluded the fisheries service "did not give adequate protection to areas of the world's oceans flagged by its own experts as biologically important," according to a summary of the court's decision.

"The result is that a meaningful proportion of the world's marine mammal habitat is

under-protected," says the decision. As a result, the US Navy is now barred from using its deep submarine hunting sonar in much of the world's oceans during peacetime.



Taranaki Protesters Defend Charges

10 August

A group of Taranaki protesters arrested in the wake of a riot outside the Hawera District Court earlier this year (see photo below) have defended charges laid against them by police.

A judge alone trial began in the New Plymouth District Court last week, involving five South Taranaki people from an extended family.

They were charged following the fracas with police and court security staff on 01 March after they allegedly rioted when supporting two Maori sovereignty protesters who were appearing in court charged with stealing pegs from a seismic survey being conducted for Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS). The thefts were allegedly done as a form of protest against what the offenders saw as a breach of their Maori sovereignty.

The group face a range of charges, including assaulting police; disorderly behaviour; and resisting arrest. The accused all pleaded not guilty to the offending at earlier court appearances.

An increased level of security was present at court as the hearing got underway, including several Maori wardens who were stationed outside. The case, which had been set down for one day, was further adjourned by as the evidence was only partially completed.

Before the hearing finished on Wednesday, however, the judge dismissed the disorderly behaviour and resisting arrest charges filed against one person, along with the offences faced by another who had been charged with assaulting police, resisting police, and disorderly behaviour.

The hearing has been adjourned until 25 August for the remaining three defendants. On previous occasions when members of the extended family have appeared at the Hawera District Court there have been acts of disruption by the defendants and their supporters. This time however matters progressed at the court without incident.



Far North Activist Warns of Seismic

09 August

After asking his supporters last month if they should wind up their activities, the leader of the issue motivated group 'Stop Statoil Te Hiku' (Northland) posted this image (below) on the group's Facebook page from Greenpeace Canada on how seismic testing works.

It appears the majority of the group's supporters want the group to continue and this post appears to be his answer to that mood. The page has almost 1900

supporters.

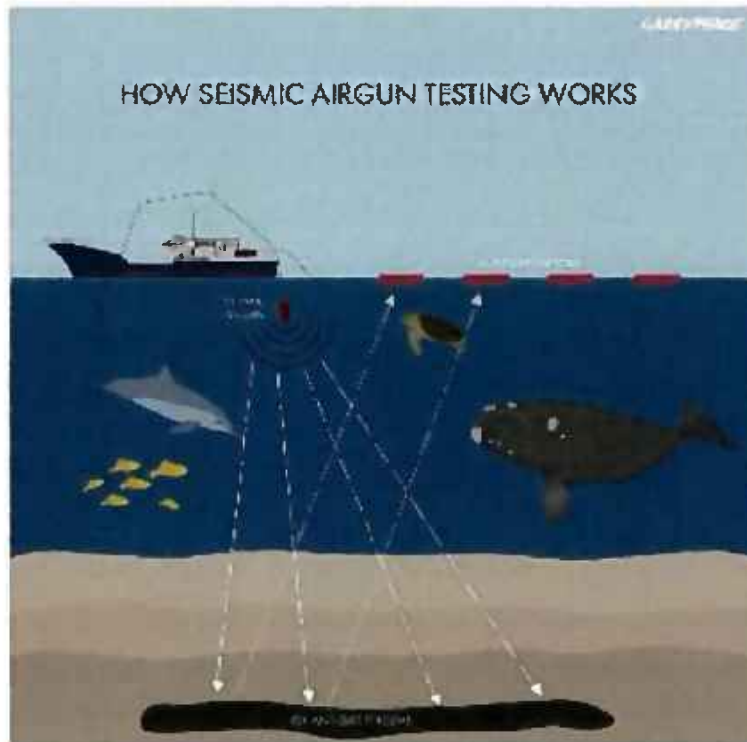


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Competition for Best Bank Meme

08 August

With support from Greenpeace NZ (who is also promoting the competition) the climate change group 350 Aotearoa is holding a competition for the best internet memes attacking the ANZ and Westpac banks position on sustainability.

350 Aotearoa claims that statements by the two banks on their efforts at sustainability are hypocritical when the two banks are "bankrolling some of the most polluting projects in the world" by lending to the oil and gas and mining industries.

350 Aotearoa is asking its supporters to adapt an existing advertisement from the banks and turn it into an internet meme attacking the banks for what 350 Aotearoa says is a double standard.

For prizes, 350 Aotearoa is offering the top 3 entries either family passes to the Auckland Zoo, or a Family Sailing Combo Pass on the NZ Maritime Museums heritage scow, the Ted Ashby. Upon entry, all contestants will be entered into a raffle with a random drawing to win a grab bag of 350 Aotearoa apparel and stickers.

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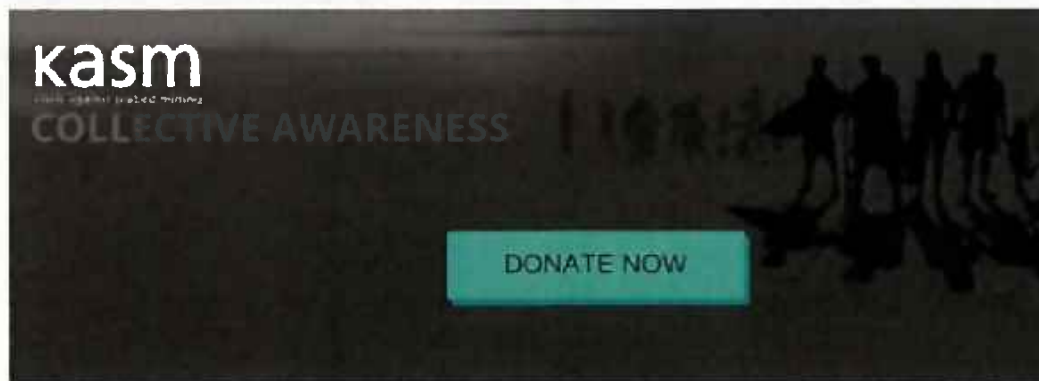


Seabed Mining Fundraising

07 August

The Raglan-based anti-seabed mining group KASM (Kiwis Against Seabed Mining) has begun fund raising to fight off a second attempt by mining company Trans Tasman Resources (TTR) to secure consent to mine ironsands off the seabed off the coast of Patea in Taranaki.

In a message to supporters last week, the group's chairman said, "The seabed miners are back! We can win again with your help, donate now!"





Wellington Anti-Fracking Event

16 August

The Capital-based issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington is hosting an anti-fracking event at 17 Tory Street, Wellington, on 16 August. Oil Free Wellington describes this event as a "community meeting" and film screening.

The group has arranged for the leader of another group, Frack Free Kapiti, to speak about "fracking and the oil industry, what has been happening in Taranaki, and what we can do about it."

Following this, two short films will be screened about fracking activism in Australia and the United States. Oil Free Wellington says the meeting will also discuss opportunities for future action, including "solidarity actions" in Wellington. This suggests the group may be targeting the premises of oil companies in Wellington in retaliation for operations conducted overseas.



Climate Workshop

20 August

An ecumenical climate justice workshop is being hosted in Auckland by Sinoti Samoa, Public Issues of the Methodist Church and Anglican Diocesan Climate Action on 20 August. The topic is 'What Will Church Leadership on Climate Change Look Like'. This all day event is being held at the Lotofale'ia (Mangere) Methodist Church, 10am-4pm.



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Greenpeace Anti-Seismic Campaign

20 August

Despite the downturn in industry exploration activity, Greenpeace has not abandoned its long running opposition to seismic surveying.

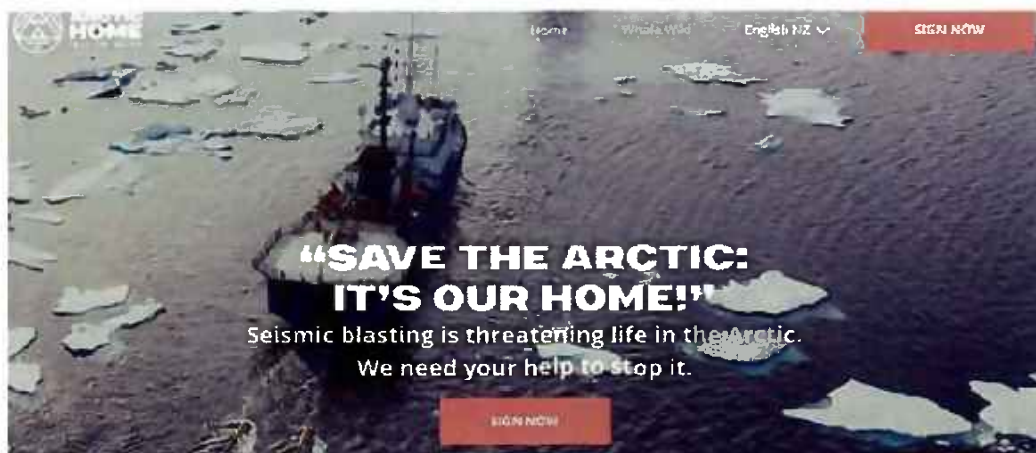
Greenpeace International has mounted an online 'Stop Arctic Seismic Surveying' campaign claiming that renewed oil and gas exploration activities in the Arctic is threatening the lives of the marine animals and the Inuit communities that live in the region.

Greenpeace International is highlighting the opposition of one Inuit tribe to seismic operations and using them as a centrepiece for a new campaign against the oil and gas industry operating in the Arctic. Previously, Greenpeace ran a long and bitter campaign against Shell aimed at stopping its exploration operations in the Arctic, and which only ceased when Shell halted its activities for its own reasons.

The campaign includes a worldwide online petition supporting Inuit opposition to seismic surveying operations in Arctic waters.

See: <http://arctic-home.greenpeace.org/en-nz/>

Greenpeace New Zealand is fully backing the campaign, and in a message to its supporters last week asking them to support the petition, said *"This is something NZ coastal communities have been faced with too thanks to our Government's obsession with deep sea oil exploration. Take Action now to help this courageous Inuit community which is standing up to protect their Arctic home from the devastating impacts of seismic blasting"*.



MP 'Called Out' Over Supportive Views

19 August

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) has criticised the MP for Whanganui for his reported comments in support of the Taranaki oil and gas industry. See: <http://tinyurl.com/j6reb3r>

In a response to an opinion piece written by the MP and published in the Taranaki Daily News on 11 August 2016 under the heading 'Petro-chemical industry has been good in many ways for Taranaki', TEW has taken umbrage in particular with the MP's published comments that "Shell Todd have set a very high benchmark for the way corporates interact with their communities."

In a social media response, which drew praise from Greenpeace NZ's National Coordinator of Volunteers, TEW said in relation to a recent seismic survey conducted in Taranaki: "...cheer leading of Shell Todd and the seismic survey looking for more gas needs calling out.

"Taranaki Energy Watch was contacted by people with concerns at tactics used to enter their properties and worries over their health and safety. Shell Todd did not tell the landowners about the risks of misfires when using seismic explosives.

"Shell Todd self-reported several explosives misfired on a number of properties. Misfires require an exclusion zone and ongoing monitoring for years.. Perhaps Shell Todd did not say about the possibility of misfires as the landowners probably would not have let them in. These are the so-called 'good guys' Chester is giving a shout out for".



TARANAKI ENERGY WATCH

Protecting Human Health
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New Laws Against Protest at Sea

18 August

Anti-oil and gas groups are supporting a call by the issue motivated group Coal Action Network Aotearoa (CANA) to protest against what the groups see as proposed new laws to further restrict protest at sea.

The groups claim that the proposed laws will reclassify protest at sea as a form of terrorism. CANA is urging other fossil fuel protest groups to support the call by a number of peace groups to oppose the proposed Maritime Crimes Amendment Act, submissions for which closed last Friday.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/h95kb76>

CANA's Wellington-based spokesman says, "Why should a group campaigning against new and expanded coal mines care about this? Although protests against nuclear ship visits might come to mind first when we think of seaborne protests, and indeed, the Government appears to be rushing this Bill through in advance of a planned US warship visit, New Zealand has also seen seaborne protests against oil exploration and coal shipments in recent years. What with the Government's plans to expand deep sea oil drilling, its desire to increase coal exports, and the persistent blind eye it turns to illegal fishing, there is plenty of scope for seaborne protests".

Issue motivated groups opposed to the new laws say that Parliament's consideration of amendments to the Maritime Crimes Act introduces a new crime of "maritime terrorism".

CANA and other groups claim that "it seems clear from the current draft of the Bill, and its timing, that it is intended to target protests against visiting warships planned for November this year. It will criminalise free speech and could target maritime workers".



Activist Queries Exploration Permit

15 August

A female Taranaki activist has posted on the '#STOP STATOIL TE HIKU' Facebook page asking for the details of the Statoil permit.

This activist is an organiser with Te Uru Pounamu and Ngaruahinerangi Action Group – both groups opposed to drilling in the Taranaki region, as well as supporting the anti-fracking movement.

She is notoriously confrontational with oil and gas companies, such as protests she has led in the past outside the head offices of TAG Oil.



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Northland Mining Protest Hui

11 September

The Ngati Hau ki Whakapara Kuia/Kaumatua of Northland have called a protest hui on 11 September at the Whakapara Marae to oppose mining operations in Northland by Australian mining company Evolution Mining.

The group is holding a 'Time for Action' to plan protest action opposing the company's development of the Puhipuhi Gold Mine in the Puhipuhi hills, about 32 kms north-east of Whangarei.



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'Pagans' Protest Against Fracking

15 October

A group calling themselves 'Pagans Against Fracking' have called for a worldwide protest against fracking on 15 October.

In a protest dubbed 'Voices in the Wind', the group is instructing other 'pagans' to: *"Take part in The Warrior's Call's fifth World Wide Ritual and send your own Voices on the Wind as blessing and healing for the Land. On Saturday, 15 October 2016, go to a windy place and create ritual space according to your own tradition. Make a sound of blessing and healing with your own voice or the voice of your musical instrument. Let the wind carry it across the Land and the World. To strengthen this act of magic, fly a flag with the Warrior's Sigil".*

See: www.warriorscall.org/voices-ritual/



Maui Dolphin Event

01 March 2017

The Wellington artist, photographer and Videographer behind this event has postponed it a couple of times but now says it is going ahead on 01 March at Kaiapara. It is being promoted as a music festival focussed on the preservation of the last surviving Maui Dolphins.



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Unions & Activists Team Up for Climate

26 August

The issue motivated group, the Coal Action Network Aotearoa (CANA) says it was well represented at the recent ECO (Environment and Conservation Organisations of Aotearoa New Zealand) Conference in Auckland.

This event saw environmentalists and the union movement further cementing a relationship which has grown increasingly close in recent years.

This year's ECO conference saw what CANA has described as a "coming together of "natural allies" with environmentalists and unions exploring the opportunities and challenges associated with realising what they say should be "a just transition for workers and communities here in Aotearoa."

One of the conference's organisers, who is himself an organiser for the militant Unite Union, which is controlled by the ultra left wing political group Socialist Aotearoa, says that, "A just transition means moving to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy that maximises the benefits of climate action while minimising hardships for workers and their communities."

He said the conference had a strong theme of promoting alliances between environmental and worker's movements.



GP Captain Struggles for a Crew

25 August

Something not seen before - one of Greenpeace's captains has been forced to call for unpaid volunteers to help him complete routine maintenance on his ship while in dock.

The South African-born captain of Greenpeace's largest campaign ship, the *Esperanza*, has had to send out an urgent appeal for volunteer dock crew to help him complete routine maintenance on the vessel while it is in dock for three weeks in an Amsterdam shipyard.

In return, he is offering free food and lodging for three weeks, but no wages. Alternatively, he says he is happy to take volunteers just for a day in return for a free lunch provided by the ship's cook.

The appeal for volunteers suggests the *Esperanza* currently does not have a full accompaniment of crew and budget constraints at Greenpeace International means money for shipyard maintenance may be tight. The *Esperanza* is in dock in Amsterdam until 22 September.

Help. I'm looking for volunteers on board *Esperanza* in Amsterdam shipyard over next 3 weeks. Food and lodging provided or drop in for a day and have lunch



Raglan Group Prepares for Second Fight

24 August

The Raglan-based issue motivated group Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) says it is preparing to fight off a second attempt by seabed mining company Trans Tasman Resources (TTR).

In 2013-2014, KASM waged what was for them ultimately a successful campaign against TTR seeking a marine consent to mine iron sand in the South Taranaki Bight. While KASM claimed credit for the 'win' - putting this down to its hard fought campaign of protest, lobbying, and objection at the consent stage - the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) advised it declined the company's application because of uncertainty around the scope and significance of the potential adverse environmental effects, and those on existing interests (such as fishing interests and iwi).

Now, after a significant 'back to the drawing board' stage, TTR has come back and on 23 August lodged a new application with the EPA. TTR says it has "spent millions in scientific and environmental studies to understand the effects of the project on the South Taranaki Bight" since its failed attempt. The company says it had also "taken onboard the criticisms levelled at it in the previous application and addressed the areas of uncertainty".

KASM says it understands TTR has applied to mine the same 66sqkm of seabed as its last application. Commenting on this latest application, KASM's chairman said last week that, "the last time this company tried to get permission to dig up 50 million tonnes of sand a year from the seabed, communities up and down the west coast of the North Island objected in their thousands, with record numbers of submissions against the project."

"From surfers to recreational fishers and local Iwi, ocean lovers made a stand against this destructive and experimental practice, and we were proved right. The EPA said there were too many unknowns, and nothing has changed.

"It's disappointing that TTR is back with the same application, trying to wear down public opposition, but this foreign-owned company should know that they will continue to meet strong resistance from Kiwis who will stand up for their beaches ocean and marine environment," he added.

"From the public reaction this week on social media, we know the strength of feeling against seabed mining hasn't gone away. If anything, it's stronger," he said. "Given the unknown impacts of seabed mining, KASM has gathered more than 4700

signatures on a petition calling for a moratorium on seabed mining in New Zealand waters," he said.

KASM has active branches in Raglan and Taranaki, and a network of supporters along the North Island's west coast black sand beaches. The group has close links with Greenpeace NZ, which has provided protest training and resources to KASM.

For example, in April 2013 Greenpeace NZ lent KASM one of its inflatable boats and two trained crew members to help the group protest against the seismic survey vessel 'Voyager Explorer' which was conducting survey work near White Cliffs on the North Taranaki coast for Kea Petroleum, which went into liquidation in January this year (see photo below).

At the time, KASM was criticised for endangering the lives of its activists when one of the two boats used in the protest broke down less than 100 metres from the survey vessel's acoustic arrays.



Fossil Free Divestment Training

23 August

Three members of fossil free university issue motivated groups in New Zealand have reported on divestment training provided to them in Australia by the climate activist group 350 Australia, through its New Zealand counterpart, 350 Aotearoa.

One of the students, who is from Fossil Free University of Auckland, has filed this report with her sponsor, 350 Aotearoa.

She reports that in July, she and two other New Zealand university students travelled to Sydney to take part in the first training workshop for the Six Month Fossil Free Fellowship. This was a week of intensive workshops run by 350 Australia focused around community organising.

She says they attended specific workshops around telling their own stories and the story of their campaigns, building relationships, tactics, strategy and timelines. This introduction to the fellowship provided the foundations to build strategic divestment campaigns in New Zealand that are grounded in theory.

Commenting on what she learnt, she says, "The training has helped me to identify my own strengths and develop these to take a stronger leadership role in the University of Auckland divestment campaign. My greatest learning has been how to tell my personal story of why I care about climate change. I have spent a lot of time since the training reflecting on why I stay involved with 350, and learning to articulate this to others to motivate them to get involved".

Speaking about her own particular group, the Auckland University activist says she has put a number of her learnings into practice and had a hugely successful start to semester, with 67 new members signed up and a core team of over 20 volunteers ready to help run a successful divestment campaign.



Greenpeace Shows its Nasty Side

22 August

In a statement last week Greenpeace New Zealand referred to Shell's review of its New Zealand held assets as "an oil rat preparing to jump ship".

"The revelation that Shell has advised its investment bank to offload its \$1 billion New Zealand portfolio is another big nail in the coffin of the Government's petroleum agenda", the Greenpeace New Zealand statement said.

Greenpeace quoted Australian media which has reported that Shell had called on JP Morgan to sell its New Zealand portfolio, which includes oil exploration and production assets. Greenpeace says this follows on from Shell's announcement last December that it was placing its New Zealand assets under a review process.

Greenpeace NZ's Senior Climate Campaigner went onto to claim that, "Shell's imminent withdrawal from New Zealand shows the Government's oil drilling programme is now in its death throes".

"New Zealand's biggest oil company is just the latest to abandon oil and gas exploration here, following on from the exits of Petrobras and ExxonMobil," he said.

"To lose Shell after more than 100 years in New Zealand is a huge blow to the industry and to the Government's fervent investment of public money in oil drilling."

However, since reports emerged of Shell's review of its New Zealand portfolio, the company has explained that it is still only exploring its options. However, Greenpeace's Senior Climate Campaigner says he is not "buying that".

"You don't have to be a geotechnical scientist to read the signs here - Shell wants out of New Zealand," he is quoted as saying.

"Prime Minister John Key's oil program is in tatters. There has been no new oil found in eight concerted years of exploration, and now the biggest rat is fleeing the sinking tanker. The Government urgently needs to quit oil and put in place a clean energy strategy that will power our society and create thousands of jobs in the process," he said.

Greenpeace says no new deep sea oil permits were allocated in the last block offer announcement in December 2015, and of the almost 430,000 square kilometres on offer, there were only successful bids on 12,000 of them.

Its Senior Climate Campaigner said Prime Minister Key is "pushing climate change denialist policies by continuing to insist that New Zealand must look for the very oil that scientists say we can't burn if we want to avoid catastrophic climate change.

"Upon his return from the Paris Climate Conference in January, the Prime Minister stated he had no intention of scaling back any search for fossil fuels," he said.

"But even the oil companies are seeing the writing on the wall in terms of New

Zealand's petroleum prospects. At the moment it looks like Key will be the last man on the sinking ship, even after the oil companies have abandoned their posts.

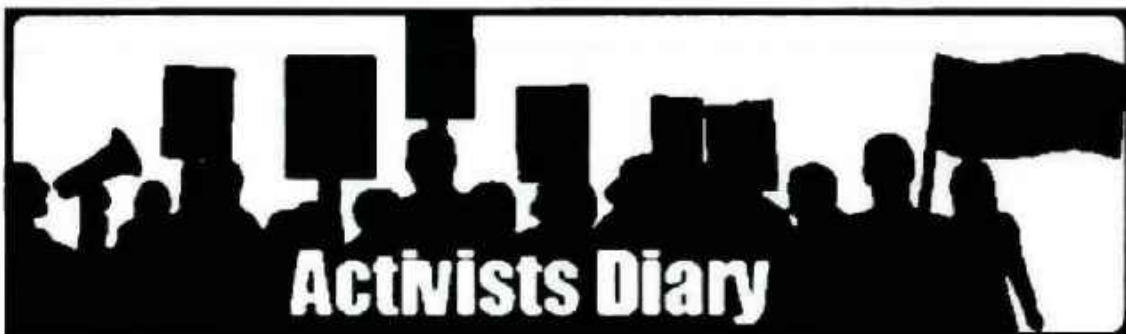
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Iwi Complains of Company Arrogance

02 September

A Taranaki iwi has labelled seabed mining company Trans Tasman Resources (TTR) as being "arrogant" and slammed the company's consultation process in applying to mine offshore in the South Taranaki Bight.

For the second time in as many years Trans Tasman Resources has applied for consent to annually mine up to 50 million tonnes of iron sand from a 66km square kilometre area of seabed off the South Taranaki coast.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) denied TTR's application in 2014, deeming the effects of uplifting so much sand would have an unknown effect on the environment. However, two weeks ago TTR applied again to mine the same area of seabed in a rewritten application addressing the EPA's concerns.

However, the Kaiarataki (Chief Executive) of Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui has said she and her iwi, are "extremely disappointed" with the way TTR had gone about consulting with them in their re-application.

"From our perspective there has been extremely poor consultation from their end," she said. "There's a high degree of arrogance from that company in that want us to clear their application on our end, but won't show us their science."

She said Taranaki iwi had frequently dealt extensively with oil and gas companies and had never before been kept so in the dark by a company.

"We've never had a problem like this before, the (oil and gas) companies we usually deal with are falling over themselves to give us as much information as possible" she said. "This is the exact opposite, they're saying it won't have any effect on the seabed but refuse to prove it to us."

While the 66 square kilometre area TTR want to mine was last week described as a "vast expanse of sand" by the company, however a recent report tabled at the Taranaki Regional Council last week indicated a variety of life on the sea floor.

The report, conducted by the Cawthron Institute, found there were no threatened species within the 12 mile Coastal Marine Area (CMA) but further offshore within the Exclusive Economic Zone where TTR have applied to mine, there are at least five threatened species of invertebrate.

While the Taranaki Regional Council has no jurisdiction in the EEZ they do have a say on activities which can affect the CMA.

One Regional Councillor is on record as saying that when the TTR appeared before the council several years ago their presentation was that it was "pretty much just mud and sand."

"Now I'm looking at this report which says there's a huge cluster of life that needed to be protected right in the very zone they are planning on sand mining," he said. "In my opinion any adverse effect is too much of an effect, and I'm hoping that's the position the EPA will take."

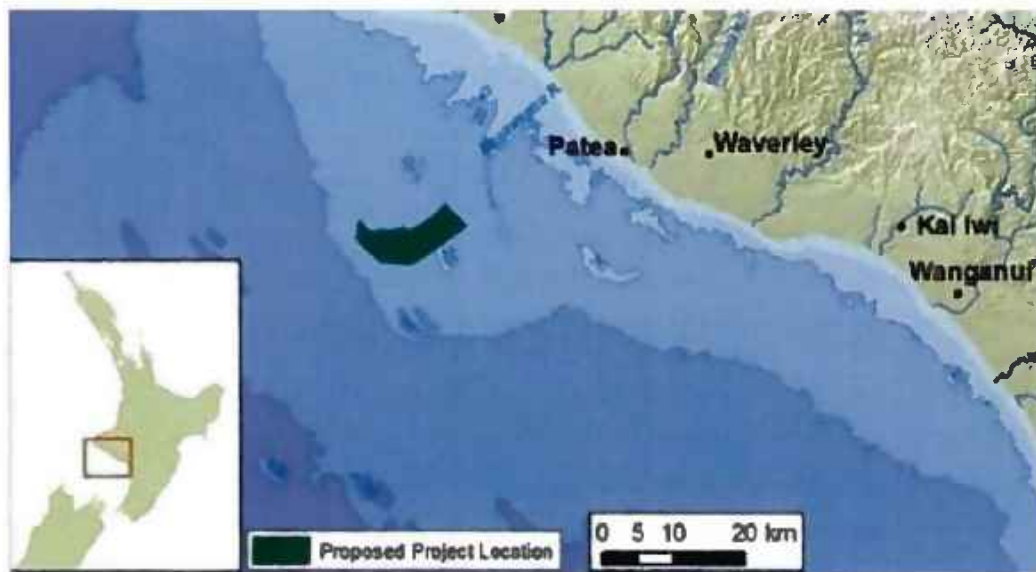
However, a spokesperson for TTR said the Cawthron report focused on marine life within the council's jurisdiction and referenced data commissioned by TTR. They also said the company had done extensive work to limit the spread of the sand plume.

"This has included controlled deposition of the de-ored sediment four metres above the seabed into areas from which the sediment was extracted," he said.

The chairman of the issue motivated group Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) says the Cawthron report was damning for TTR's latest application. "The miners say this area is a virtual desert, yet here we have scientists telling us quite the opposite," he said. "Many people are simply unaware of how much life exists on the sea floor, and how important that life is to maintain a healthy marine environment."

The Environmental Protection Agency has until this Tuesday this week to decide whether TTR's application is complete. From there the public will be notified and have 20 days to make submissions.

KASM has already, however, relaunched its previously successful campaign to frustrate the company's plans - this was achieved through a combination of protest and a carefully prepared and delivered lengthy objection during the submission process.



Speculation Over East Coast Drilling

02 September

Supporters of the anti-oil and gas Facebook group 'Stop the Drilling on the East Coast' have been speculating on a link between exploratory earthquake research drilling that has been taking place off the East Cape and the 7.1-magnitude earthquake and magnitude 6.2 aftershock which shock the East Cape last week.

In one considerable stretch of the imagination, an admin of the group who is a member of numerous anti- oil and gas groups claimed, "The research is a cover for their plan to drill and extract methane gas from deposits along the Hikurangi Trough. GNS always use earthquake prediction as an excuse while setting up their scientific instruments to measure the surveys they do to find the best place to drill. Drilling into active faults along the tectonic plate - what could go wrong? The first well is scheduled for August 2017. People better get active!"

Furthermore, she claimed that, "GNS and NIWA are both involved in the project to extract methane gas hydrates, cloaked in research about slow-slip earthquakes. The government is including offers of exploration blocks for gas hydrates in their energy programme and former slick oilmen are looking to cash in on the new fossil fuel."



Claim Exploration in 'Freefall'

01 September

Greenpeace NZ's Senior Campaign Advisor has claimed the Government's offshore oil and gas exploration programme is in a "freefall".

In a statement he said, "Reports that oil giant Shell is having a firesale of its New Zealand assets, prospecting company ION Geophysical has also now relinquished its oil surveying permits, which covered almost half of New Zealand's waters.

"ION's bid, lodged last September, was the largest application ever to be made for prospecting in New Zealand's EEZ. It involved surveying 1.6 million square kilometres of ocean. To add to the mass pull-out, another Houston based company, TGS, also yesterday withdrew its application for its major offshore prospecting permit off the West Coast of the North Island."

He went on to claim that, "The growing list of oil companies bailing are a solid indication that the Government's oil programme is dying a death. Prospecting is the essential first step of offshore drilling. These companies gain data that is on-sold to the oil companies, but if there is poor indication of possible oil or there aren't buyers for the data then the prospectors aren't going to waste their time and money on surveying," he said.

"The ION and TGS departures are another critical blow to John Key's offshore oil prospects. I think it's safe to say the New Zealand's offshore oil industry is in freefall. International petroleum players are dropping like flies.

"It's high time for Key to give up on this waste of taxpayers money and make good on the promises he made at the Paris climate conference by quitting support for oil drilling and properly backing the clean innovative sectors that should be powering and providing jobs and income for New Zealanders."

Greenpeace's position is that the Government needs to "stop wasting taxpayers money and make good on the promises made at the Paris climate conference by quitting support for oil drilling and properly backing the clean innovative sectors."

However, the Minister of Energy and Resources has countered by saying while the rate of drilling has slowed substantially as oil slumped from US\$125 to around \$30, there were signs of a busy time for survey work this summer.

"If a number seismic surveys come through over summer its' going to be one of the biggest ones we've had in the last decade. There is quite a bit of work coming," he said. This included Chevron and OMV in the East Coast/Pegasus Basin, OMV and ONGC Videsh in the Taranaki Basin and Searcher Seismic and Schlumberger over the entire East Coast/Great South Basin and Great South Basin respectively.



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Taranaki Fracking Accusations

31 August

Lamenting the fact that while the Australian state of Victoria has just banned fracking, but New Zealand has not, Taranaki anti-oil and gas activists shared this social media image of flaring at Todd Energy's Mangahewa-D well site.

Circulated by the issue motivated group 'Frack Free Kapiti', the caption reads, "Meanwhile back in NZ, the fracking (and flaring shown here) goes on and on. Todd Energy fracked at just one site (Mangahewa-C) 24 times in a three month period this year and flared most of that time. Pictured here is Mangahewa-D."



Greenpeace Man Claims 'Epic News'

30 August

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland-based climate campaigner claimed last week there had been "some epic news on the oil front over the last 24 hours."

Posting on Facebook to his 5,000+ 'friends and 1800 'followers' he said, "Two major oil exploration permits have been abandoned. Both TGS and ION have handed back their permits and are pulling out."

However, he corrected the premature joy expressed on social media by some less informed activists by saying, "Contrary to some speculation that Statoil is withdrawing its Northland permit, it is still active."

He went onto explain that, "TGS and ION are both tools used extensively by the oil majors for data acquisition, both on the water and in terms of acquiring existing databases of seismic data. The pull out is indicative of the shrinking exploration market and NZ being at the extreme margins logistically, infrastructurally and in proven oil reserves...the free regulatory hand being given by the government is not enough to keep them here."

This could well be an indicator of further pullouts by the majors, for example Shell, but it has to be said, although appealing oil companies have more resourcing than just these industry contractors, so its not over yet, he added.

Home Again

Greenpeace's climate campaigner made the post at about the same time he reported he was returning to his Cooper's Beach base in Northland. He has just spent a marathon seven months on the road in his house bus with his partner (also like him a Maori anti-oil and gas activist) campaigning for Greenpeace in Taranaki against the oil and gas industry and predominantly in the Hawke's Bay coordinating protest against the Hawke's' Bay Regional Council's proposed Ruataniwha Water Storage Scheme.



Fracking Banned in State of Victoria

30 August

The Australian state of Victoria is to introduce a permanent ban on all onshore unconventional gas exploration, including fracking and coal seam gas, becoming the first Australian state to do so.

The State Premier, in making the announcement, said legislation for the ban would be introduced later this year, making the current moratorium on unconventional gas exploration permanent.

A State parliamentary inquiry last year into onshore unconventional gas extraction in Victoria received more than 1,600 submissions, most of them opposed to fracking and coal seam gas exploration.

A statement from the Department of Premier and Cabinet said, "It is clear that the Victorian community has spoken. They simply don't support fracking. The government's decision is based on the best available evidence and acknowledges that the risks involved outweigh any potential benefits to Victoria."

The state government said the move would protect the reputation of Victoria's agriculture sector, which employs more than 190,000 people; provide certainty to regional communities; and end anxiety felt by farmers about the environmental and health risks associated with fracking.

Exemptions to the ban will remain for activities not covered by the current moratorium, such as gas storage, carbon storage research and accessing offshore resources. Exploration and development for offshore gas will also continue.

The Australian Greens energy spokeswoman said she welcomed the news, describing it as "a relief to communities that have fought the threat of fracking for years".

"This decision proves the power of grassroots advocacy," she said. "Individuals have won over powerful and influential mining companies, and the Greens are proud to have led the political campaign which forced the government to support a permanent ban.

"But it's disappointing the government is leaving the door open to conventional gas drilling after the next state election. We won't stop fighting until all onshore gas drilling is banned."

Over the past five years the Victorian 'Lock the Gate' coalition of rural communities, environmental groups and farmers has fought unconventional gas exploration.

The coordinator for Lock the Gate, said about 1.4m hectares of Victoria was

threatened by some form of onshore gas mining, which included coal seam gas, tight gas, shale gas and underground coal gasification. "Labour has shown real leadership by listening to community concerns," she said.

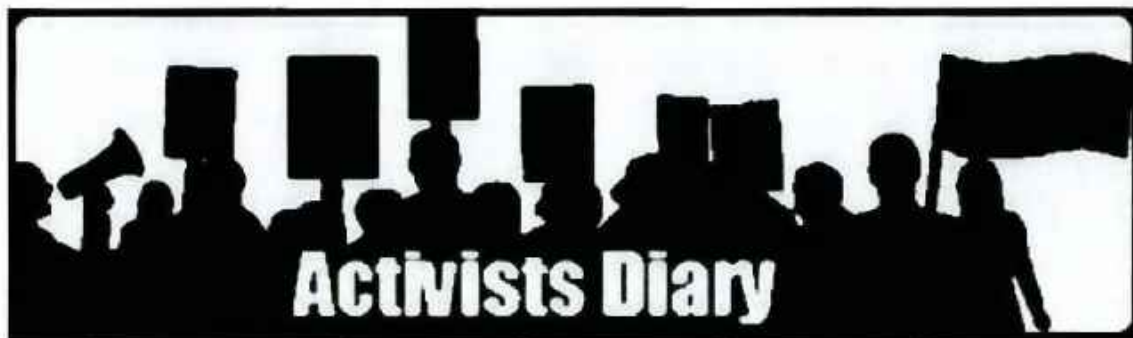
"This is good news for every Victorian, but for the farming communities that have been fighting to stop this industry for over five years now, this is a wonderful day. This decision gives them certainty to move forward, and this decision protects Victoria's vital clean and green image."

A Principal Adviser at The Australia Institute praised the ban as "sound economic and energy policy". He said that Queensland's experiment in unconventional gas had demonstrated that the economic benefits promised by the gas industry had largely failed to materialise, while negatively impacting other industries.

Research had found that for every 10 new gas jobs, 18 agricultural jobs were lost, he said. "The manufacturing industry has been one of the biggest losers with LNG exports allowing gas suppliers to drive up prices to Australian users, and suppliers exercising their market power keep Australian prices high even as global prices collapsed," he said.

"We now have the ridiculous situation that Australian gas is now cheaper in Korea than it is in Australia. That's a double-disaster for local manufacturing jobs. What benefits there are, have gone almost entirely to the overseas owners of global oil and gas companies licensed to export Australian gas, largely at the expense of Australian businesses and local jobs," he said.





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Auckland Seabed Mining Meetings

13 -14 September

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The following day, on 14 September he will be speaking at the Muriwai Surf Club.



Dunedin Climate Change Event

20 September

The Seniors Climate Action Network (SCAN) in Dunedin is holding a public film screening in the Dunningham Suite at the Dunedin Public Library at 1.30pm on 20 September. Called 'The Wisdom to Survive' this hour long film is said to "explore how unlimited growth and greed are destroying the life support system of the planet, the social fabric of the society, and the lives of billions of people."

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Chaired by a leading journalist and media commentator, this event featured the Director of Campaigns at ActionStation; a cartoonist and illustrator; an environmental activist and senior campaign advisor for Greenpeace New Zealand; and an activist and commentator on indigenous rights. A podcast of this event can be heard here:

www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/smarttalk/audio/201815549/smart-talk-at-the-auckland-museum-slacktivism



Protest Pushes Passed Security

11 September

In the Far North, about 200 anti-mining protesters defeated on site security to occupy Evolution Mining's drilling site at Puhipuhi, north of Whangarei.

The protest was held, the organisers say, as a show of solidarity with local hapū, Ngāti Hau which opposes Evolution's operations in Northland.

A spokesman for the Ngāti Hau Anti-Mining Group said, "The Waitangi Tribunal has

confirmed what we've always known - Ngāpuhi did not cede sovereignty. We still have our tino rangatiratanga, and on the basis of that authority we've issued a ban on all drilling and mining."

"Puhipuhi mountain, and any minerals that are part of it, are ours to protect. We'll not stand by and let it be damaged. Get the hell out Evolution Mining."

The protesters raised the Ngāti Hau, United Tribes and Māori flags on drilling equipment, along with banners and placards. Marchers ranged from kuia and kaumatua to babies, and local farmers also turned out in support.

The chairman of a local radio station, Tautoko FM said he believed mining was the opposite of what is needed for a prosperous Te Tai Tokerau. "Our focus is on healing the land, not poisoning it and our waterways with toxic mining waste. Heal the land and we'll heal the people," he said.

Serious concerns about damage to waterways and fisheries' breeding grounds were raised at the morning's pōwhiri and discussion from around Te Tai Tokerau, including the downstream effects on tuna farming in the nearby Wairua River.

"Evolution Mining has been telling their Australian investors they have the support of the local hapū and community. But look at this crowd from the whole of the region - it sets that record straight," said a spokesman for MineWatch Northland. "Evolution Mining has no social licence to be here. They are not wanted here in any shape or form."

The protest was the latest in a series of actions organised by the Action Coordination Group in recent months, and have included social media, hīkoi, pickets, and a roadblock on Puhipuhi Road.

Opposition to Australian-owned Evolution Mining's plans has centred on the environmental risks but the company has repeatedly said it would not continue if mining posed any danger to the environment. Evolution is capping exploratory drill holes and has put on its website the independent Auckland-based consultancy Pattle Delamore Partners (PDP) reports on water quality and associated concerns.

The company has also yet to find if the quantity and quality of gold or silver, as well as environmental factors, make mining in the area viable.

Anti-mining groups say there is no guarantee of safety considering Puhipuhi is at the head of a complex aquifer and surface network draining into Hikurangi Swamp, the Northern Wairoa River and Kaipara Harbour.



Series of Protests Around NZ

10 September

Frustration with the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement was expressed at protest events in towns and cities around the country on Saturday.

The Day of Action was supported by the NZ Council of Trade Unions, Public Services Association, FIRST Union, Greenpeace, 350.org, Oxfam New Zealand, and anti-oil and gas and animal rights groups.

Protest events were held in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hokianga,

Whangarei, Rotorua, New Plymouth, Palmerston North and Nelson.

In Christchurch, a protest attracted about 250 supporters, while almost equal protest numbers were achieved in Wellington and Auckland. The protests were peaceful and passed without any arrests.



Protest at Sea Seen as Terrorism?

09 September

Protesters who take part in protests at sea could be treated as terrorists and face draconian punishments under proposed law changes, it has been claimed in numerous submissions to Parliament.

Submitter after submitter warned the Foreign Affairs and Defence Select Committee that, under the government's proposed Maritime Crime Amendment Bill, acts of civil disobedience at sea - such as boarding or damaging a warship - could be classified as terrorism.

They said the bill was heavy-handed and such behaviour could be dealt with by criminal charges.

A spokesman for the Coal Action Network Aotearoa (CANA) has said the tradition of protesting at sea was under threat. "That it could be used in such a way as to

prevent, or to seek to prevent ... or have a chilling affect on legitimate protest activity," he said in CANA's submission.

Another prominent activist has told the committee New Zealand had a proud history of civil disobedience, including challenging apartheid and nuclear weapons.

"They committed criminal offences and again we validate them today, proudly enshrining them as part of our national identity. You may disagree ... but I believe most New Zealanders actually feel very proud, intensely proud, of the position that we took against apartheid and against nuclear weapons," she said.

A member of the NZ Law Society's law reform committee has recommended the government amend the legislation so the definition of terrorism was the same as in the Terrorism Suppression Act, and separate it from protest action.

"The Terrorism Suppression Act appears to set a slightly higher threshold which would appear in the society's submission to be appropriate, again to try and draw a distinction between legitimate acts - protest which aren't intended to be captured - and terrorist acts," he said.

The Green Party's global affairs spokesperson - who sits on the select committee - said the bill needed to be amended to make it clear that "protest, advocacy and dissent" on the seas were not terrorism.



Student Hoax Promotes Climate Protest

06 September

Student climate activists at Otago University staged a hoax where they claimed famous actor and climate activist Leo DiCaprio would be visiting the university to speak on climate change.

Fossil Free Otago Uni posted on its Facebook page, "Can't believe he RSVP'd!! We're picking him up tomorrow from Dunedin Airport. Come get your photo with him in the link between 12-2pm tomorrow."

However, when other students questioned if this was for real, Fossil Free Otago Uni responded with, "Nah he found out we haven't divested yet so he wasn't keen to visit. Luckily we had a convincing backup."

The "convincing back up" turned out to be just a student wearing a Leo DiCaprio mask.



MEET + GREET LEO DICAPRIO

12-2PM TUESDAY 6TH THE LINK





Auckland Seabed Mining Meetings

13-14 September

The Raglan-based chairman of Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) will be speaking at the Piha Bowling Club at 7.30pm on 13 September about the latest application by Trans Tasman Resources to mine black sand off the seabed in the South Taranaki Bight. KASM says this may sound like its a long way from Piha, but if this goes ahead, the whole of the North Island's West Coast could be under threat. The following day, on 14 September he will be speaking at the Muriwai Surf Club.



Dunedin Climate Change Event

20 September

The Seniors Climate Action Network (SCAN) in Dunedin is holding a public film screening in the Dunningham Suite at the Dunedin Public Library at 1.30pm on 20 September. Called 'The Wisdom to Survive' this hour long film is said to "explore how unlimited growth and greed are destroying the life support system of the planet, the social fabric of the society, and the lives of billions of people."

SCAN describes itself as a Dunedin-based issue motivated group which aims to raise

awareness of climate change among senior citizens and to work towards a low carbon future.



Protest Against Todd Energy

26 September

Oil Free Wellington have announced they are holding a protest against Todd Energy at 12.30pm on Monday 26 September outside the Todd Building, 95 Customhouse Quay, Wellington.

The action follows a protest banner painting event on Sunday 11 September at the Radical Social Centre, 128 Abel Smith Street, Wellington.

The action is a direct result of an event hosted by Oil Free Wellington on 16 August entitled "Climate Change and Fracking/onshore Oil and Gas in Aotearoa - resistance and community action" which featured a presentation by the leader of Frack Free Kapiti, a known opponent of operations by Todd Energy.



'Pagans' Protest Against Fracking

15 October

A group calling themselves 'Pagans Against Fracking' have called for a worldwide protest against fracking on 15 October.

In a protest dubbed 'Voices in the Wind', the group is instructing other 'pagans' to: *"Take part in The Warrior's Call's fifth World Wide Ritual and send your own Voices on the Wind as blessing and healing for the Land. On Saturday, 15 October 2016, go to a windy place and create ritual space according to your own tradition. Make a sound of blessing and healing with your own voice or the voice of your musical instrument. Let the wind carry it across the Land and the World. To strengthen this act of magic, fly a flag with the Warrior's Sigil."*

See: www.warriorscall.org/voices-ritual/



Maui Dolphin Event

01 March 2017

The Wellington artist, photographer and Videographer behind this event has postponed it a couple of times but now says it is going ahead on 01 March at Kaiapara. It is being promoted as a music festival focussed on the preservation of the last surviving Maui Dolphins.



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

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Threat Level

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

Explanation

This Situation Report (SitRep) summarizes recent relevant protests and activities by IMGs and activists opposed to operations both onshore and offshore by the Oil and Gas Industry over the past week. It looks at risks to current Industry operations and events, and at trends and developments both domestically and overseas (where relevant). It is based on open and public sources of information.

Greenpeace Seeking a new Campaigner

16 September

Greenpeace New Zealand is advertising for a new climate campaigner to "tackle oil giants".

The Auckland-based issue motivated group last week posted an advertisement stating that it was "seeking a Campaigner to join us in campaigns from tackling oil giants to shaping innovative new ways of living and thriving together."

The advertisement went on to state that, "Our Campaigners are responsible for developing and implementing campaign strategies, which will deliver campaign objectives for prioritised campaigns through an innovative range of action and mobilisation-led campaign tools and tactics.

"As part of an experienced campaigns team, you will contribute to all aspects of campaign work including problem analysis, development of strategic plans, defining solutions, legal assessment and liaising with stakeholders and the media. Our Campaigners work collaboratively across the organisation, contributing to or leading multi-disciplinary teams to achieve campaign objectives.

"With a successful background in campaign delivery, you will have excellent project and time management skills, and people management skills.

"This role involves working outside of normal working hours at times, and may involve travelling overseas, sometimes at short notice."

The "overall purpose" of a Greenpeace climate campaigner apparently is to, "Develop and implement campaign strategies, which will deliver campaign objectives for prioritised campaigns through an innovative range of action and mobilisation-led campaign tools and tactics. Play a key leadership role in the team and wider organisation in driving and delivering campaign objectives."

One interesting requirement of the job is Greenpeace's insistence on a personal code of behaviour. The advertisement further states that the successful candidate must, "Ensure that your personal or campaign activities will not bring Greenpeace New Zealand into disrepute (in case of doubt you will be expected to discuss the issues with your line manager prior to action)."

Qualifications for the job require that the successful candidate must have at least two years' relevant experience working with advocacy groups/NGOs with a demonstrable understanding of and skills in using a wide range of campaign tactics

to achieve objectives. The pay scale is not given, and applications close on 23 September.



Leadership in Climate Change

15 September

The student climate group Fossil Free University of Auckland held a three-hour seminar on leadership in climate change last week as part of its campaign to convince the University Council to divest its investments from companies associated with fossil fuels.

This particular event was critically aimed at the university's Vice-Chancellor, which the student group claims is "lacking leadership" in advising the University Council to divest and adopt an 'ethical investment policy'.

The event involved an outline of Fossil Free UoA's campaign and an overview of the divestment movement.

Additionally, it involved three speakers - one of which was Greenpeace NZ's Senior Climate Campaign Advisor; an associate professor of psychology at the university who is active in the Sustainability Network and involved in trying to convince the university to divest; and the founder and director of the 'Unmask Palm Oil' Campaign. At least 60 people attended this event.



45 Years of Greenpeace

15 September

Greenpeace International celebrated its birthday on 15 September, this year marking 45 years now the organisation has been in existence. On this day in 1971, the founding voyage to Amchitka Island set sail and gave birth to the organisation which now spans the world.



Otago Students Claim Fossil Free Win

13 September

The Dunedin student climate group Fossil Free Otago University claimed victory when the university's Council voted last week to exclude fossil fuels from its investment portfolio.

The university council's policy change mirrors a pledge to divest from fossil fuel investments made by the Otago University Foundation Trust last year.

A University of Otago spokesperson said, however, that the university had never invested in fossil fuels, and last week's decision aligned the council's ethical investment statement more closely to that of the foundation trust.

"The University Investment Policy was due for review this year and consequently this afternoon council considered and approved amendments to the policy. The policy was split more appropriately into policy and procedures and the ethical investment statement aligned with that of the Foundation Trust," she said.

But a spokesperson for Fossil Free Otago University said the group was proud the university had listened to the views of a number of staff and students. "The University of Otago Council's decision today to adopt the same policy, makes the university free of fossil fuel investments. Otago is now the second university in New Zealand to commit to being 'fossil free'. Today Otago put its money where its mouth is," he said.

Prior to the policy change the group participated in a protest in which they tugged on a rope of paper to represent the university's struggle to change its investment policy.

In a media release signed by 28 University of Otago staff, a Department of Preventive and Social Medicine senior lecturer said the decision was a "win for the climate".

"Staff and students of the University of Otago can now be proud that the university is investing its funds in ways that avoid products we know are extremely harmful to current and future wellbeing," she said.

The new policy would also prevent direct investment in the production or distribution of alcohol, tobacco or munitions, she added.



Nude Protest in Support of Divestment

12 September

Members of the Dunedin student climate group Fossil Free Otago University staged a nude protest to mark a week of action calling on the University Council to adopt an 'ethical investment policy' and divest all investments from companies involved with fossil fuels.

The protest appears to have had the desired effect because the very next day, the Council indeed voted to divest (see item above).



Seabed Mining Speaking Tour

11 September

The Raglan-based anti-seabed mining group KASM has sent its leadership off on a nine-day speaking tour of the west coast of the North Island to drum up support for its opposition to the latest application to mine iron sand off the Taranaki coast.

KASM's spokesman says almost 5,000 people last time made submissions opposing the application by Trans Tasman Resources (TTR) and which has come back in order to make another attempt to secure a mining licence.

Starting at the Piha Bowling Club, near Auckland on 13 September, the speaking tour will conclude on 29 September in Whanganui at the Stella Hotel (see photo below).

KASM's spokesman says he will be talking about the details of seabed mining and "what we can all do to rally as much opposition as possible to this destructive practice".

Kasm

kiwis against seabed mining

SEPTEMBER SPEAKING TOUR

TUES 13 - PIHA BOWLING CLUB - 7.30PM

WED 14TH - MURIWAI SURF CLUB - 7PM

FRI 16TH - PATEA AREA SCHOOL - 3PM

MON 19TH - WELLINGTON PARLIAMENT STEPS - 1PM

THURS 22ND - RAGLAN TOWN HALL SUPPER ROOM - 7PM

MON 26TH - NEW PLYMOUTH SENIOR CITIZENS HALL - 7.30PM

TUES 27TH - OPUNAKE PICTURE THEATRE - 7.30PM

WED 28TH - HAWERA NGATI RUANUI BUILDING - 7PM

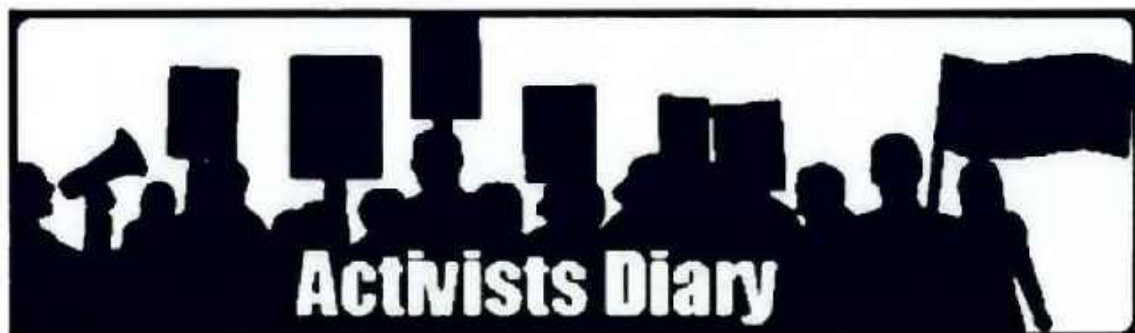
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Dunedin Climate Change Event

19 September

The anti-seabed mining group KASM (Kiwis Against Seabed Mining) will be handing