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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.

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Protesters Aiming for Todd Energy

25 September

Oil Free Wellington (OFW) which is one of the more militant anti-oil and gas issue motivated groups in existence at the moment, says it is going ahead with tomorrow's protest against Todd Energy's offices in the Capital tomorrow.

The protesters have been making a number of strongly worded claims aimed at Todd Energy over the past few days, including one today stating on its Facebook page that, "Todd Corportion (sic) thinks it can get away with promoting a community minded philanthropic image while destroying the climate. Let's show them they're wrong."

Another one made earlier when the protest was first announced said, "Kick off spring with a protest! Come along and make some noise to let Todd Energy know they need to stop oil and gas exploration in Aotearoa."

So far 25 persons have indicated their attendance on a Facebook event page especially set up to promote the protest.

An additional 39 persons have expressed an interest in the event, and a total of 283 people invited via Facebook to participate. Of those indicating attendance, the majority are members of Oil Free Wellington, six of whom would be considered to be significant in the anti-oil and gas movement and represent some of the leadership of the organisation.

In addition to Oil Free Wellington, there is also likely to be representation from the IMG Frack Free Kapiti, the leader of which has also indicated her attendance and is actively promoting the protest amongst her followers. Another group which has a history of protest against the head offices of mining companies in Wellington, the Coal Action Network Aotearoa (CANANZ), is also promoting the protest and some of its Wellington-based members say they will be attending.

The significant Persons of Interest (POIs) identifying themselves as attending this event are all seasoned activists with a history of protest and non-violent direct action (NVDA). At least three of these persons have previously been arrested at protests in Wellington.

The protest has this week been described by one leader of Oil Free Wellington as "a

protest in solidarity with Taranaki against Todd's expansion of oil and gas exploration, drilling and fracking". This particular activist was arrested earlier this week for protesting on behalf of Peace Action Wellington against a company in Lower Hutt that they perceive to be an 'arms dealer'.

In May this year, OFW organised a tour of oil and gas sites in Taranaki with a local issue motivated group, Taranaki Energy Watch, and during this tour protested outside some of Todd's sites (see photo below).

What appears to have triggered this latest protest is OFW's anger over news that Todd Energy is planning to open a new gas fired power plant in Taranaki.

OFW has published a map on a number of social media sites promoting tomorrow's protest to help guide protesters to the correct building in Wellington (see further image below). The protest is scheduled for 12:30pm Monday.





Oil & Gas a Target of Dolphin Protest

25 September

Greenpeace New Zealand is again singling out the oil and gas industry as the threat to the extinction of New Zealand's rare Maui's dolphins, even though it is patently clear the largest and most present danger to the critically endangered creatures is from commercial fishing.

The image below alleging the threat coming from the oil and gas industry was emphasised on Greenpeace NZ's Facebook page today.

Greenpeace has also this week continued to push its long-running online campaign demanding stronger protection measures for the dolphins; while blaming the oil and gas industry for being one of the three threats it says are threatening the dolphin's survival. So far, almost 66,000 people have signed this petition.

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

Greenpeace claims the dolphins are under threat from net fishing and oil exploration and drilling. While acknowledging other threats to the dolphins' survival, Greenpeace claims, "oil exploration and drilling is another threat to the Maui's dolphin and the New Zealand Government has recently issued new oil permits right inside the Marine Mammal Sanctuary where Maui's dolphins live.

"This will likely result in seismic testing if not oil drilling...if drilling goes ahead and there is a deep sea blow-out in the waters adjacent to Maui's habitat the potential oil spill could mean the end for these rare little dolphins," says Greenpeace.



Greenpeace Emphasis Again on O&G

24 September

After a period when large scale irrigation schemes were the principal focus of its protest energy, there are signs Greenpeace New Zealand is swinging back to again focus on the oil and gas industry.

The recent international downturn in the industry has allowed Greenpeace to look at other areas of protest. However, there has been a noticeable increase in Greenpeace anti-oil and gas industry rhetoric since the Government's announcement on 19 September of start of the Block Offer 2017 process for awarding oil and gas exploration permits (see examples below).

On 23 September, Greenpeace NZ's Facebook page led with a post which said, "The latest new math. We can't even finish digging up the oil and coal currently in production, let alone develop new drilling fields and mines as our Government seems intent on doing!"

While on the same page on 24 September in an item about the oceans becoming "dustbins" it said, "The story begins in the 1950s, when Royal Dutch Shell found oil near Groningen, in Permian sandstone linked to North Sea formations..." And then again today in another Facebook post, Greenpeace NZ said "We already have enough oil to fry ourselves... Yet the NZ govt persists with its dangerous and futile search for new oil."

Perhaps though the most angry social media reaction from Greenpeace NZ was on 20 September when it berated the Government for being 'blockheads'. In a statement from its full-time deep sea oil campaign specialist, Greenpeace NZ said:

"The New Zealand Government is pleased to announce that next year they're keen to open more than 500,000 square kilometres of our ocean for oil companies to survey and drill, including parts of the marine mammal sanctuary, home to the world's most endangered dolphin, the Māui. What utter blockheads.

"We live in a time when the changing climate means widespread devastation is looming. In our lifetime, we're going to see mass extinction, sea level rise, threatened food and water security, and an influx of climate refugees. Many countries around the world are desperately working together to action plans that cut our dirty fossil fuel emissions before it's too late.

"Meanwhile, in New Zealand, our Prime Minister and his Government are doing worse than nothing - they're sitting back, twiddling their thumbs, saying: 'Sweet as bro, she'll be right!' Yesterday, the Energy and Resources Minister kicked off the Block Offer 2017 process for awarding oil and gas exploration permits by releasing a map of the simply gigantic areas of New Zealand the Government is proposing to lend to the fossil fuel industry to do their worst on. What will happen from here is:

1. Consultation with iwi on these Block Offers begins now.
2. Consultation with local authorities begins on 17 October.
3. The consultation period for Block Offer 2017 ends on 18 November.
4. The Government will go away and 'consider' all submissions.
5. The final block offer areas will be announced in March 2017 and oil companies will tender for access to them.

However, the 'diamond in the rough', says Greenpeace NZ, is the fact that consultation with local councils doesn't begin for a few weeks yet - after Local Body Election results are announced. Greenpeace says this gives New Zealanders around the country the opportunity to pressure their local candidates to commit to opposing the block offer proposal in the lead-up to the election, before they even get their feet under the desks.

Greenpeace NZ says, "we can't make personal submissions on the block offer or during any other part of the permit process, so we need to get our local leaders to act for us. Ask your candidates the hard questions about their policies on oil exploration. Wherever we can, we must get them on the record opposing it, and advocating for a safer climate for us all. People power has worked in the past and it

will work again."



Our Government, the blockheads. Again.



Greenpeace New Zealand

September 23 at 12:00pm

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Brent Spar: The sea is not a dustbin

In August 2010, Prestel Books published 'Photos That Changed the World' including this image of the Greenpeace Brent Spar campaign, captured by David Sims on 10 June 1995. Greenpeace approaches Brent Spar, 1995, dodging a...

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Taranaki Opposition to Block Offer

22 September

The radically left-leaning issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) says the 2017 Block Offer is a reflection of the Government putting capitalism ahead of its international treaty obligations as a responsible world citizen.

CJT's joint leaders say the Government's decision to open up a third of the West Coast Marine Mammal Sanctuary for oil and gas exploration is justified due to commercial interest in the area.

So rather than "upholding New Zealand's international obligation to protect endangered species and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change," says CJT, "the government does what corporations want - providing a stable and predictable regime."

CJT says committing New Zealand to "further fossil fuel exploration and dependence is plain ludicrous, at a time when the world is rapidly moving onto sustainable systems incorporating renewable energy, electric transport and even climate-survival technologies."

"The race for energy innovation and disruptive technologies is on," it says. "The UK Telegraph recently proclaimed that the world's next energy revolution is probably no more than five or ten years away...This country can achieve total self-sufficiency in power at viable cost from our own sun, wind, and waters within a generation.

"If the UK can become self-sufficient, surely NZ can also, and more quickly. Over three quarter of our electricity already comes from renewable sources. There are dozens of renewable energy projects across the country waiting for an enabling environment to take off, when the government no longer bend backwards for the

fossil fuel industry and corporations.

"Notably, the aluminum smelter at Tiwai Point received \$30 million from the government in 2013 to keep its gate open. When it eventually closes down, it will free up more than enough electricity to power an entire fleet of electric vehicles for NZ.

"If we stop producing petrochemicals (methanol for export and urea for industrial farming), the local demand for fracked gas would shrink by half. It is imperative that we recognize the finite nature of our planet's resources, that we simply cannot keep 'growing' and consuming more, that there is freedom to be had beyond neo-liberalism," it says.



'Block the Offer' Response From GP

21 September

Greenpeace NZ's National Coordinator of Volunteers (NCV) has spoken out vocally against the announcement of the 2017 Block Offer.

As NCV one of her roles is to coordinate and provide support to Greenpeace volunteers who undertake protest action around the country. Her deployment is often an indicator protest is not far away.

In a message to Greenpeace NZ's volunteers this week, she said, "It's that time of year again - the National Government has announced that they want to offer more land and seabed to oil companies to exploit.

"We're going to need to lobby and hustle our local councils, and get them to oppose central government's plans - it's especially important when central government has already shut off channels for individuals to oppose, made protesting oil companies

illegal at sea, and shifted their meetings far away and behind closed doors.

"The oil companies here are slowly dying, and it's our backwards government that continues to prop them up in the face of increasing climate impacts and public opposition. We need to #BlockTheOffer."

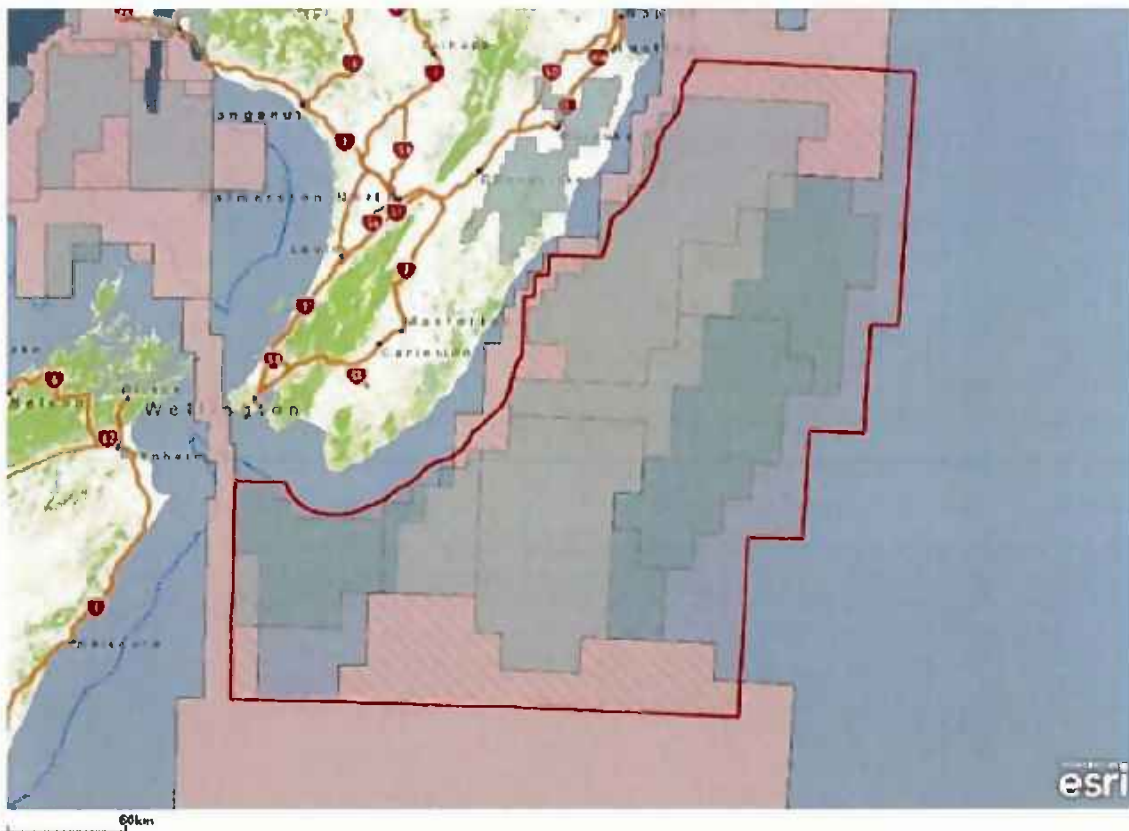


Kaikoura Opposition to Exploration

21 September

The east coast South Island issue motivated group NodrillKaikoura appears to be getting ready to oppose a renewal of exploration off the upper South Island's east coast.

Last week, the group picked up on the approval of a petroleum prospecting application from Schlumberger, and alerted its members and supporters by publishing a map of the permit area and the following post on Facebook: "Lest we slumber. This petroleum prospecting application from Schlumberger was approved just last Monday with very little media or fanfare. The static map & details here, and also below."



Greens Seeing 'Red' Over Block Offer

20 September

The Green Party says the Government's new Block Offer will open up another half a million square kilometres of New Zealand's oceans to oil drilling, including 4,000sqkm of the marine sanctuary reserved for the critically endangered Maui's

dolphins.

This is roughly a third of its total area, says the Greens and according to them it is "now up for grabs by oil and mining companies."

The Green's spokesman for Energy and Resources says the National Government's decision to open up another half a million square kilometres to mining "smacks of desperation from a Government that doesn't know how to build a sustainable, 21st century economy."

"With just 55 Maui's dolphins left", he says, "it is hugely irresponsible to offer drilling permits in a third of the sanctuary where they live. The Greens in Government will promote transformative clean energy projects to end reliance on the fossil fuels that cause climate change, not oversee desperate attempts to dig more up."

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The number of Maui's dolphins left

1/3

The area of Maui's dolphin sanctuary that National has just opened for oil drilling

NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Cartoon on Oil and Gas 'Terrorism'

19 September

The NZ Listener has published this satirical cartoon taking a swipe at the oil and gas industry while commenting on a Bill before Parliament to amend the Maritime Crimes Act 1999. Opponents say this Bill will could result in acts of civil disobedience at sea, such as boarding or damaging a warship now being be classified as terrorism.

Opponents, especially issue motivated groups such as Greenpeace, see the proposed legislation as undermining the tradition of protesting at sea and having a chilling effect on legitimate protest activity.

This position has only been reinforced by comments from Government MP and Parliamentary Select Committee member David Bennett who is on record as saying that anyone who got in the way of a foreign warship was clearly a terrorist.

The NZ Law Society has recommended Parliament amend the legislation so the definition of terrorism was the same as in the Terrorism Suppression Act, and separate it from protest action not intended to be captured - and terrorist acts.

The Green Party says the Bill needs to be amended to make it clear that protest, advocacy, and dissent on the seas are not terrorism.

The Bill aims to amend the Maritime Crimes Act to implement obligations under two maritime counter-terrorism treaties. Namely, the Protocol of 2005 to the Rome Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, and the Protocol of 2005 to the Rome Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf, to ensure that the maritime security framework can respond to contemporary transnational terrorist threats.



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



Manawatu Anti-Fracking Event

22 October

Frack Free Manawatu (FFM) is co-hosting a three-hour 'Enviro Fest' at the Palmerston North Library on 22 October, from 1-3pm. This event is being held in conjunction with the Palmerston North City Environmental Trust (PNCET).

It will include a number of presentations and short films, plus afternoon tea. FFM says fracking is an extremely relevant issue in New Zealand with many wide ranging negative effects. It says the main topic covered at this event will be 'fracking' and its adverse effects on bees, public health, and the environment.



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Location of Greenpeace Vessels

09 October

Greenpeace International has currently deployed its flagship, the Rainbow Warrior III, to Catania on Sicily's east coast (see photo below).

The vessel has been hosting open days, and the ship's ocean campaigner, who is a New Zealander, has just left the vessel to make a visit home. Like a number of senior Greenpeace staff, she has a home on Auckland's Waiheke Island.

Meanwhile, Greenpeace's polar equipped vessel, the Arctic Sunrise, is tied up at the port of Delfzijl in northeast Netherlands; while Greenpeace's largest campaign vessel, the Esperanza, is in the North Sea, heading for Port Said in the Middle East.



Wellington Group Crowd Sourcing

08 October

The Wellington issue motivated group, Oil Free Wellington (OFW), says it is putting together a collaborative zine for the Wellington Zinefest on 19 November, with the theme of 'living climate justice.'

The Wellington Zine Fest is an annual event, which has been held in the Capital since 2011, and which focuses on DIY publishing. This year (like the last) the festival has sold out at its stall spaces a month in advance.

OFW says it is crowd-sourcing content from anyone involved in climate change or social justice movements across New Zealand, and will prioritise content from indigenous and marginalised communities.

It says it welcomes "creative responses in the form of art, writing, poetry, prose, song lyrics, and anything else we can photocopy and cram into a two-dimensional, folded paper zine."



Far North Petition Relunched

07 October

Following the announcement of the 2017 Block Offer, the Hokianga Environmental Protection Group says it is relaunching its petition opposing exploration for oil and gas off the Northland coast.

The group says part of the motivation for the relaunch is because it feels the Far North District Council has ignored the group's overtures asking it last year to oppose the 2016 Block Offer for offshore prospecting permits.

Last year, the group submitted a petition to the council asking it to oppose the 2016 Block Offer. That petition attracted 600 signatures from Far North locals and supporters, but the group says the council has "buried it in bureaucracy" and the petition has never been discussed or considered by councillors.

That petition has since gone on to attract almost 8,000 signatures (7,927 as at 09 October 2016). In a message to the 713 members of the Hokianga Environmental Protection Group's Facebook group, the organiser said, "Some of you may remember that about a year ago we presented this petition to Far North District Council asking them to adopt a position of opposition to Deep Sea Oil.

"Each year the Government announces 'block offers' for petroleum exploration. Individuals cannot make submissions on these block offers and the means of consultation with the public is by asking local authorities. So each year FNDC are invited to submit on the block offers and for the past two years at least have stated that they are 'generally supportive of the block offer process.'

"So here we are, almost a year on from submitting a petition of over 600 signatures and FNDC haven't even given a formal response to our petition but seem to have just tried to bury it in bureaucracy. We think this is completely unacceptable and will try again following the local elections but in the meantime are re-launching this petition to show them the opposition to Deep Sea Oil has not gone away.

"There are many reasons for opposing Deep Sea Oil exploration off our coast not least that we need to move away from fossil fuels because of climate change. Other councils have stated their opposition so why can't FNDC?

"So if you've already signed this petition you can't sign again but you can distribute it to others to sign. If you've not signed please do. It would be great if we could get a few more hundred signatures to send in. So please sign/share and encourage others to sign." See: <http://tinyurl.com/zambxjb>



Push for Auckland Council Divestment

06 October

The Auckland-based issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa is supporting an online petition by an Auckland anti-oil and gas activist calling on the Auckland Council to divest from investments in any organisation associated with fossil fuels.

350 Aotearoa says, "Auckland Council has investments in coal, oil and gas - the very industries that are wrecking our planet."

It wants the Auckland Council to follow the example of the Dunedin and Christchurch City Councils and divest from any funds that invest money in industries associated with fossil fuel extraction. The campaign has an influential backer within council - the deputy mayor (see photo below) and has attracted more than 1000 signatures.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/hy3ftce>

CLEAN UP AUCKLAND COUNCIL!



"IT IS UTTERLY UNACCEPTABLE FOR OUR CITY TO HAVE ANY INVESTMENTS IN FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES."

-PENNY HULSE
DEPUTY MAYOR OF AUCKLAND



Deepwater Horizon Movie Released

06 October

Greenpeace International is piggybacking on the release of a new Hollywood dramatisation of the Deepwater Horizon disaster to promote its opposition to deep sea oil exploration. The movie opened at New Zealand cinemas on 30 September.

Greenpeace has also used the release of the movie to promote opposition to BP's proposal to begin deep water exploration drilling in the Great Australian Bight by drilling two wells, 2km deep.

It is a proposal that has been delayed by Australia's Oil and Gas Regulator who has sought more information on BP's environmental plan and set a one month deadline for the company to provide further details.

Greenpeace, however, argues that throughout the movie, "we witness the ominous pressure building beneath the waves. Even the rig workers call the oil a 'monster', not knowing it's about to burst from its lair to wreak havoc upon them. That same monster and that same villain could soon be on their way to Australia's southern shores. BP has hired a rig even bigger than the Deepwater Horizon, and they want to drill in the Great Australian Bight at depths even deeper and in conditions even stormier."

See here for a link to the movie's trailer: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8yASbM8M2vg



Far North Environmental Hui

05 October

Hapu of the Te Rarwa Iwi have organised a two-day environmental research hui (17-18 October) at the Korou Kore Marae at Ahipara (see photo below) aimed at what they say is "bringing together people with an interest in te taiao o Te Hiku o Te Ika to share and learn with each other; iwi, communities and researchers." There is no registration fee to attend this event.

Day one will provide historical perspectives of environmental management; Te Hiku relationships and collaborations post settlement. There will also be discussion on climate change factors in kaimoana depletion, and Lake Tāngonge restoration considerations. Other topics covered in the first day include Te Hiku environmental vision/strategy; reconstructing environmental change; wetlands as natural archives of environmental change; Nga Roto Tapokapoka restoration; early horticulture by Maori; lake cores holding landscape modification and vegetation change records; and toheroa ecology and oral history.

Day two will focus on local environments as living laboratories for schools; climate change and Māori society; and the development of an enviro-economic platform for Te Hiku.

The remainder of the day will focus on Maara whenua inter-generational sustainable living and kaitiaki practices; and a establishing a Te Hiku environmental vision/strategy.



ChCh Council Opposition to Block Offer

04 October

Although post-election the new Christchurch City Council has yet to meet to discuss its position on offshore exploration, going on past performance, it would seem unlikely to be any change to the council's almost unanimous opposition to the 2017 Block Offer.

The risk of an oil spill, the danger to local endangered species, and the lack of public consultation were just some of the 46 points the city council argued in submissions against the Government's oil and gas block offer last year.

As consultation opens on the 2017 Block Offer this year, some city councillors say they are questioning if the Government will listen at all to what they say. The 2017 Block Offer will open up a new 210,884 sq km area of ocean below Banks Peninsula for oil and gas exploration tenders next year.

The Minister of Energy and Resources has declined to answer questions as to how much weight he would give to the city council's submission when making his decision on the 2017 Block Offer.

He said only that he would consult with the council to "identify areas of significance or sensitivity."

He also did not answer questions about what advice he had received about the risk of a spill. However, he said all bids received would be put through an involved assessment process, checking their systems, finances and compliance history.

"Exploration in this area is not new and the Canterbury and Great South Basins have seen exploration activity since the early 1970s," he said.

Many of the city councillors have gone on record saying they were worried regions like Canterbury would take on all the risk and earn very little reward if companies were allowed to drill, despite assurances there would be benefits for the region.

The council has collectively adopted a position in opposition to offshore exploration. Prior to this week's local body elections, the Christchurch Star canvassed all councillors and the mayor on the subject and received the following responses:

Mayor Dalziel: The council has collectively adopted a position in opposition to these permits being issued due to the significant consequences of an oil spill.

Councillor Buck: Totally against it and I expect the city council will oppose it. The risks are so high and the rewards are actually zero to the region. You risk massive environment damage - this is very close to a marine mammal sanctuary.

Councillor Turner: I'm opposed to drilling activity in the marine sanctuaries, which is particularly relevant to waters off my ward of Banks Peninsula.

Councillor Jones: I don't support anything that doesn't have a robust risk management plan in place. From what I have heard in council, it sounds like we would not be able to manage a spill. So I would be open to listening, but only if there is something new in this case.

Councillor East: I voted to support the Government's decision last year. But I may have a slightly different opinion this year. I'm ambivalent this year. With the price of oil at the moment and the advancements we're seeing in things like storage, it's questionable whether we will actually need it in the near future.

Councillor Livingstone: The risk is too high in terms of a potential catastrophe. And also, is it a future we want to work towards? We want to work towards a more sustainable future. It comes back to that whole cost-benefit ratio.

Councillor Gough: I support initiatives which help grow our local economy. However, I am yet to be convinced that the benefits would necessarily markedly outweigh the risks. It's not to say that benefits are non-existent - because that simply isn't true. However, those in the decision-making position will clearly need to analyse the risk versus reward as our national brand could ultimately be what's at stake if they get it wrong.

Councillor Chen: Why tourists come to New Zealand is because we have environmental assets. They come to see our natural environment, agricultural, horticultural and seashore assets. If this is damaged, it will damage the New Zealand economy. My personal view is to go against the Government proposal.

Councillor Lonsdale: We have to look to the future and the risks to our marine life and pristine shorelines are too great. The future of energy is not in petroleum and -

noting that transportation uses 64 per cent of all oil produced - with the rapid development of better performance electric cars and driverless cars, the need to own a car may be much like needing to own a horse in the future.

Councillor Cotter: We don't really know what the benefits to our local area, or to New Zealand, are going to be when the oil prices are so low and the profits would probably go overseas anyway. So it seems we are putting ourselves at a high risk for little gain. We've spoken as a council and that's all we can do, so it's up to the people now.

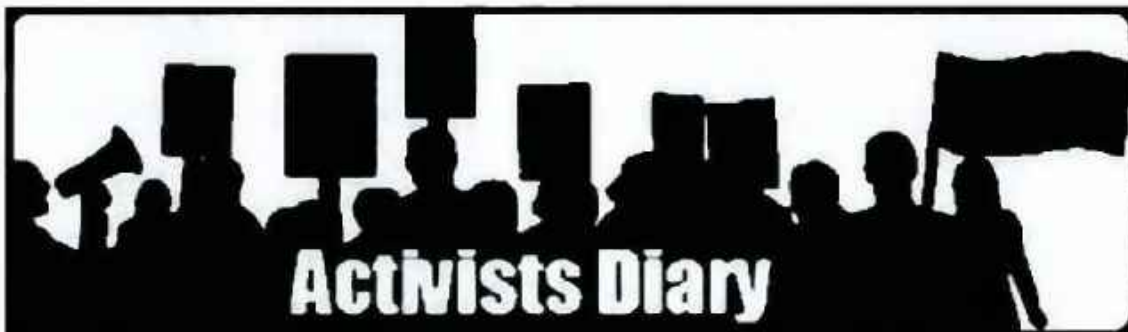
Councillor Clearwater: I'm open to hearing the other arguments but, overall, I think the concept of drilling for oil right adjacent to our shores makes a nonsense of the need to reduce our carbon emissions to address the serious consequence of climate change. I think it's unacceptable really.

Councillor Manji: I don't think it's a very good idea and I'm quite surprised it's coming from a Government which is starting to promote electric vehicles. The fact they're out there promoting a technology we don't really want to be investing in is not economically a smart idea or, environmentally, something we want to be doing in Canterbury, especially with seismic issues.

Councillor Scandrett: Unless we've got the capability in this country to fix a leak or an accident, then we shouldn't be touching it. We have the Hector's dolphins in that area - it wouldn't take much to alter their entire existence. I can see the economic benefit of it, but I don't want it to happen before there are preventative measures in place if there is a disaster.

Councillor Johanson: This is a huge gamble, it's not a question of if something goes wrong, it's a question of when. In effect, it is basically selling off our environmental assets to try and make money and I feel that our oceans and coasts are incredibly precious and I can't see any benefit for it. Even the process itself can be disruptive to the sea life, so why would you do that?

In terms of local protest groups, Oil Free Otago says it has become an issue of democracy. The group's spokeswoman says, "I think it is absolutely astonishing that they have the guts to do it again after the strong opposition to it from the Christchurch City Council last time."



Fifth Global Frackdown Protest

15 October

The the fifth Global Frackdown, an international day of action to challenge the oil and gas industry and ban fracking worldwide has been set down for 15 October.

This annual international protest is each jointly organised by the US-based group Food and Water Watch, and the Belgium-based group Food and Water Europe.

Both groups say they are jointly encouraging a world day of action against the oil and gas industry in order to demand:

*An immediate ban without any exemptions of all types of fracking with regard to the research, exploration and exploitation of fossil energy sources. This ban should apply whether or not the fracturing occurs with or without chemicals, hydraulically or in other ways.

* A halt to the import and export of 'fracked' fossil fuels and a cessation of infrastructure expansion to support this trade.

- * A ban on the injection of the fracking waste as a disposal method.
- * A revision of the existing mining laws. The revision must focus on ensuring the highest environmental standards and the participation rights of the public.
- * A commitment to make the investments necessary for a quick and just transition to a 100 percent renewable energy future.

The organisers claim that the oil and gas industry "has spent millions of dollars on slick PR campaigns and high-profile lobbying efforts to buy the ability to extract fossil fuels from our communities and to expand the global Liquefied Natural Gas network with as little government oversight as possible, all while endangering and destroying our air, water, land resources and our climate."

The organisers also claim that "Fracking is an inherently dangerous practice that has far reaching effects. Gas is not a bridge fuel to a low carbon economy. It is a bridge to environmental destruction and a climate disaster."

Local anti-oil and gas groups are expected to support this protest here. However, to date, there has not been any Facebook events pages set up locally yet for local protests - although last year, protests were held at Paraparaumu and Palmerston North in support of this event.



'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/



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22 October

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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 currently assessed at **MODERATE** for onshore operations, and also **MODERATE** for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry related operations, particularly when in port.

This increase in the rating is in direct response to Greenpeace New Zealand on 14 October publicly announcing it was renewing its campaign to drive oil and gas companies out of New Zealand through a campaign of direct action and civil disobedience planned for this summer (see the explanation of Thompson+Clark's Threat Methodology at the end of this SitRep).

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Greenpeace Renews Focus on Statoil

16 October

Greenpeace New Zealand has renewed its target focus on Norwegian oil company Statoil, claiming the company's announced withdrawal from the Reinga Basin last week was as a result of pressure it and other issue motivated groups had brought.

Greenpeace NZ also says in the wake of this announcement it is determined to force Statoil to relinquish all its interests in New Zealand and withdraw from operating here in entirety, and to surrender its interests on the East Coast as well.

In a weekend message to its members and supporters, Greenpeace NZ said, "Statoil says it ditching plans to drill on NZ's West Coast had nothing to do with public opposition. We find that hard to believe but we'll make damn sure they drop their East coast plans because of public pressure. This is the beginning of the end for deep sea oil drilling in NZ waters. It's time for a summer of action ... are you in?"

Greenpeace NZ's new Auckland-base Climate and Energy Campaigner told news media outlets at the weekend that, Greenpeace planned to "scale-up" protests against oil companies like Statoil and Shell, culminating with a large-scale protest at the annual oil and gas conference in New Plymouth in March 2017.

She said the announcement was a "first call to arms" but would not detail any specific operations Greenpeace had planned in order to retain the element of surprise against the oil companies.

Taranaki is currently the only region in New Zealand producing oil and gas products but Greenpeace's Climate and Energy spokesperson said Greenpeace won't necessarily be focusing its efforts in one region. "The industry should expect community resistance at every turn, and the government should prepare for a battering of its climate-denialist oil agenda," she threatened.



IMGs Celebrate Statoil Discontinuation

15 October

Issue motivated groups (IMGs) opposed to oil and gas exploration in the Reinga Basin are celebrating Statoil's decision to relinquish its two permits off the west coast of the Far North.

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner and Tai Tokerau spokesman said Greenpeace always believed oil and gas extraction held no economic benefits for Northland.

While Statoil stated its decision was based on a low probability of economic returns from drilling in the Reinga Basin, Greenpeace's spokesman said Greenpeace and other IMGs believed they had an impact on the decision.

"There are probably a lot of other factors, including the collapse of the international oil price and a worldwide move away from using fossil fuels, but there has been such widespread opposition, it has to have had an impact. It's possible they're (Statoil) also embarrassed about the timing of the Sami parliamentary visit. Ms Keskitalo and the Sami delegation will meet with iwi leaders and other groups across New Zealand: But in terms of Northland, it's a celebration," he said.

His reference to the "Sami parliamentary visit" relates to a forthcoming visit by a delegation from Norway indigenous Sami people's parliament, or Samediggi as it is

correctly known, and led by its leader, Ms Keskitalo. The Sami Parliament has been a supporter of iwi here opposed to Statoil's presence.



Greenpeace Declares 'War' on Oil & Gas

14 October

Greenpeace New Zealand has issued what is essentially a 'declaration of war' against oil and gas companies operating here.

In statement issued out of its Auckland headquarters, the issue motivated group promised it will deliver an "entire summer of community civil disobedience" aimed at driving oil and gas companies out of operating in New Zealand.

Speaking directly to its members and 158,000 supporters on Facebook, Greenpeace NZ said via a post, "It's time for a summer of action to push deep sea oil drilling out of New Zealand altogether - are you in?"

That post has received 486 likes and 153 shares since it was posted. Greenpeace's announcement comes at a time when it has suddenly found itself able to a free-up campaign resources following the conclusion of its long-running protest campaign against the Ruataniwha dam irrigation scheme in the Hawke's Bay, which Greenpeace has been opposing on environmental grounds.

That campaign looks all but concluded now thanks to this month's local body elections delivering a majority of anti-dam candidates sweeping into power on the Hawke's' Bay Regional Council. Greenpeace now needs a new campaign focus for the summer, and this appears to be a revival of protest against oil and gas

exploration.

In the statement, Greenpeace made direct reference to the arrival of two seismic survey vessels engaged to conduct offshore exploration activities over the coming months. The statement was released by Greenpeace NZ's recently appointed new Climate and Energy Campaigner, and says:

In the wake of Norwegian oil giant Statoil's sudden exit from Northland, Greenpeace NZ is calling for a summer of action to drive Statoil and other oil companies out of the country for good.

This morning, Statoil pulled the plug on its operations in the Reinga Basin, claiming the probability of finding oil was too low to justify a continued search. But the move follows years of intense public pressure by the Northland community, which has an 87% opposition to oil activities, and has seen thousands of people taking part in numerous hiko and mass public demonstrations, often culminating outside the annual Government-supported petroleum conference in Auckland.

The powerful East Cape iwi, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, have also actively supported the Northern Iwi in their fight against oil. Greenpeace's climate and energy campaigner says the announcement is a win for people power and for the Northland community. Statoil says local opposition didn't contribute to the decision to ditch West Coast plans, but that's hard to believe, she says.

We know that Statoil were surprised and embarrassed by the huge public scrutiny they faced in Northland, especially after our Government had promised them it would be a walk in the park.

But now the Government has been left with egg on its face, and we're going to make sure that when Statoil finally gives up and leaves New Zealand for good, it will be thanks to local opposition. The industry should expect community resistance at every turn, and the Government should prepare for a battering of its climate-denialist oil agenda.

This will all culminate at the next oil conference in Taranaki in March. Actress Lucy Lawless made international headlines in 2012 when she and six Greenpeace activists scaled the derrick of Shell oil drillship, the Noble Discoverer, in Port Taranaki, and camped up there for more than 70 hours. She will be part of Greenpeace's summer of action.

It's incomprehensible to me that in 2016, when we're all well aware of the climate emergency we're facing, our Government is still selling off our seas and land for climate-destroying drilling and fracking, she says. If our Government won't do the right thing, we have to take matters into our own hands. It's time for New

Zealanders to join together to make sure that this summer spells the end of the oil search in our homeland.

And it's looking like it will be a busy summer. This weekend marks the entrance of yet another oil research vessel, the PGS Apollo, into Port Taranaki. The boat will be doing a re-supply before heading out to search for oil north of Farewell Spit for at least a month.

And from November, the world's biggest oil researcher, Schlumberger, will be seismic testing in the Pegasus Basin, most probably on behalf of companies including Statoil and Chevron. The change in location won't help. The oil industry can run, but it can't hide. Last year hundreds of kiwis were prepared to block the doors of the conference and put their bodies on the line, and next year we're predicting thousands will turn out to put the final nail in the coffin.

An entire summer of community civil disobedience is going to lead up to this conference and we're calling for everyone to join us. This is the beginning of the end for the oil industry, the statement concluded.

The CEO of the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) said every year he extended an invitation to Greenpeace to enter the conference and engage in discussion with oil and gas delegates. "Instead in the past they have chosen to cause disruption and protest outside the venue," he said. This year the offer is on the table again should they choose to take it."



Greenpeace Targets East Coast Survey

14 October

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner says in the wake of Statoil's withdrawal from the Far North, Northland hapu and other iwi groups would now support East Coast iwi in their fight to stop offshore exploration.

In a message to his nearly 8,000 Facebook friends and followers, he said, "I've just been notified that Statoil has formally surrendered their exploration permit in the Te Reinga Basin. Awesome news! However they still remain active in our waters and are currently about to begin seismic testing off the Ngati Kahungunu coastline. So we will continue to concentrate our efforts there."



Activists Spot Survey Ship

14 October

The arrival of the seismic survey vessel PGS Apollo in New Zealand waters has not gone unnoticed by other issue motivated groups apart from Greenpeace, and which are also strongly opposed to the presence of seismic survey vessels.

A leading member of the group Climate Justice Taranaki has posted a photograph of the PGS Apollo on the group's Facebook page with the commentary, "Here comes the seismic survey ship PGS Apollo due to arrive in New Plymouth on Saturday to start surveying in the South Taranaki Bight between mid October and mid November. The ship will be towing a 10 streamer array 8kms behind it and will be supported by MV Thor Alpha and another vessel."

Climate Justice Taranaki's Facebook page has more than 1200 members and is

known to have conducted protests against oil and gas operations in the region.

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Climate Change Missing from Plan

13 October

The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has complained that climate change is "again missing from a document that is supposed to be a guiding plan for New Plymouth's next ten years."

CJT says that the New Plymouth District Council's District Plan, which will shortly go out for public consultation, makes "hardly any attempt to adapt to the realities of climate change, let alone mitigate."

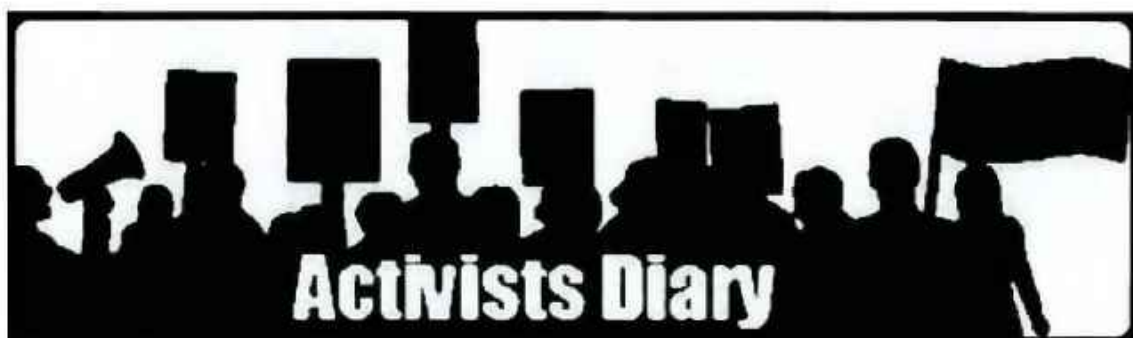
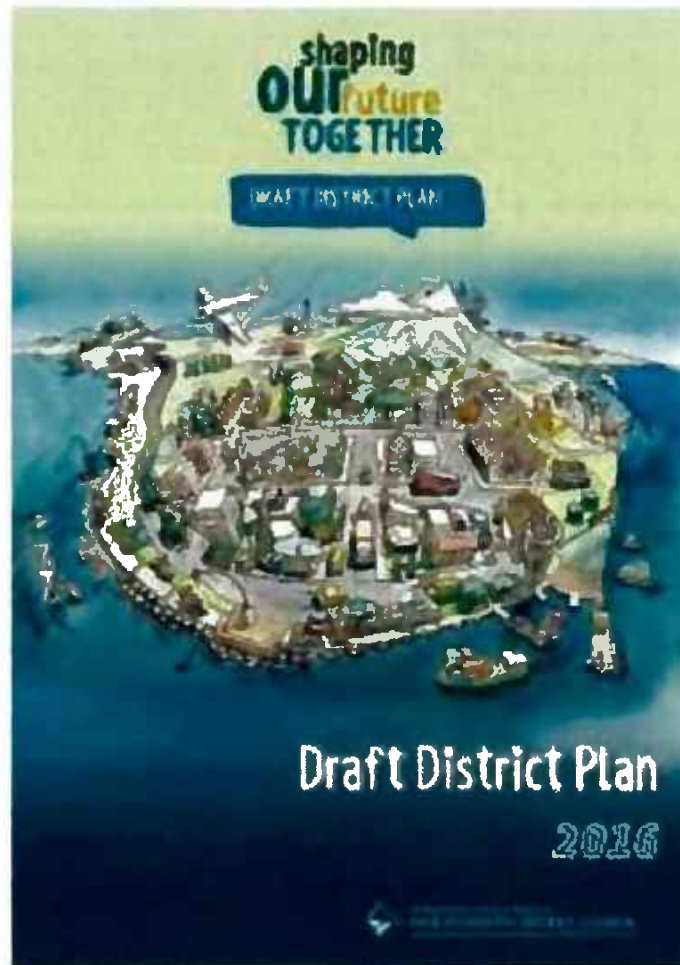
One of the group's two founders, a Swiss-born anarchist who now lives in New Plymouth, says in the 150-page document there is not a single reference to climate change.

"It is simply unbelievable that local authorities are doing nothing when it comes to planning on climate change issues. Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions has to be our number priority. Yet, the Council is not even planning for adaptation to the effects of climate change," he says.

"We are seeing more and more extreme weather events in Taranaki: droughts, floods, coastal erosion. Unfortunately, this is only the beginning. It is our

generation's task to sort this mess out. To do that, we need to take action in our communities, because clearly the so-called political leaders at both national and local level are not prepared to even talk the talk

"We should have been walking decades ago. Let's pull our heads out of the sand and start dealing with the root causes of climate change and work towards a society based on triple-bottom-lines of a sustainable society, environment and economics," he said.



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Greenpeace announcement tonight

18 October

In a social media post to supporters, Greenpeace New Zealand have stated that they 'have something to share at 9.30pm (NZ time) tonight'.

In a deliberately cryptic message on its Facebook page, the full message reads: "We've got something big to share at 9:30pm TONIGHT. WATCH THIS SPACE" and another reads "Be Part of the Generation that ends Oil".

It is not confirmed whether this will be a New Zealand or International stunt, but the same message it being circulated in Australia and on the Greenpeace International sites with respective time zones stated. What is known is that it relates to the Oil Industry and indicates a reference to the 'Save the Arctic' campaign. The event will

be live-streamed via Facebook.

New Zealand based operations should be mindful of this information and advise T+C as soon as possible of any events occurring this evening.



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Greens Join Opposition to Block Offer

30 September

The Green Party is standing beside issue motivated groups like Greenpeace NZ in opposing parts of the West Coast North Island Marine Sanctuary being included in the 2017 Block Offer.

Like the other groups opposing the inclusion, the Greens object on the grounds it believes the inclusion poses an additional threat to the critically endangered Maui's Dolphins who inhabit the sanctuary.

An online petition organised by the Greens has so far been signed by almost 1100 people. Commenting on the Greens' position, the party's spokesman for energy says, "the Government's new Block Offer will open up another half a million square kilometres of our oceans to oil drilling, including part of the critically endangered Maui's dolphin marine sanctuary.

"4,000 sq km of the Maui's dolphin sanctuary - roughly a third of its total area - is up for grabs by oil and mining companies. National's decision to open up another half a million square kilometres to mining smacks of desperation from a Government that doesn't know how to build a sustainable, 21st century economy.

"With just 55 Maui's dolphins left, it is hugely irresponsible to offer drilling permits in a third of the sanctuary where they live. The Greens in Government will promote transformative clean energy projects to end reliance on the fossil fuels that cause climate change, not oversee desperate attempts to dig more up."

See: <http://action.greens.org.nz/maui>



Iwi Opposed to Seabed Mining

29 September

The leaders of eight Taranaki iwi are claiming seabed mining company, Trans Tasman Resources (TTR) is being deliberately misleading in its application to extract tonnes of iron ore from the region's seabed.

All eight Taranaki iwi said they support Ngati Ruanui's opposition to TTR's latest application to mine Taranaki iron sand.

TTR has for the second time applied to mine 50 million tonnes of sand from 66 square kilometres of South Taranaki's seabed after its previous application was rejected by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) two years ago, partly because of the company's lack of consultation with iwi.

Now two of the main iwi affected by the new application have said consultation has not only been inadequate but they have accused the company of misleading the public, and the Government, about the process.

Nga Ruahine and Ngati Ruanui said TTR had used an organisation called the Iwi Fisheries Forum as an umbrella organisation to represent the views of Taranaki iwi affected by its application. Te Korowai o Ngaruahine Trust's General Manager says the Iwi Fisheries Forum does not have mandate to speak on their behalf. She says the Iwi Fisheries Forum, or Te Taihauauru, was initially set up to support iwi customary fisheries management but does not contain members from Taranaki iwi.

However, a spokesperson for TTR says it had reached out to all affected iwi and its attempts to engage had been either rebuffed or ignored. He adds that there has been considerable misinformation about the company's consultation process with some iwi.

Ngati Ruanui holds mana whenua for the South Taranaki Bight, meaning the area is of cultural significance to its members. It is the primary iwi that TTR would need to consult with in regard to its mining activities.

However, a kairataki (senior leader) of Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui claims TTR have made their application look as though it had consulted with iwi through its references to the fisheries forum.

"The thing is, that body is not legally mandated to represent iwi," she said. "We think they're deliberately misleading the government that they have iwi mandate. By saying they have the support from the forum they're misleading readers of the application into thinking they've done a proper cultural assessment."

She said that Ngati Ruanui ceased negotiations with TTR after they wouldn't release

certain information about their application without the iwi having first signed a confidentiality agreement. The Environmental Protection Authority has accepted TTR's submission of confidential sections of their application, and has announced they would remain confidential despite the issue motivated group KASM (Kiwis Against Seabed Mining) calling for them to be made public.

The General Manager for Nga Ruahine, an iwi whose territory borders Ngati Ruanui, says TTR had also asked them to sign the confidentiality agreement.

"We were prepared to sign it right up until we actually saw it as we were led to believe it was a standard non-disclosure agreement protecting commercially sensitive information, but this went beyond that," she said.

"We were being asked to sign something which essentially waived our moral rights, we couldn't agree to that, nor should tangata whenua or any person or organisation submitting on a consent ever be asked to do that."

She said TTR's engagement had "left much to be desired", especially with TTR engaging with the Iwi Fisheries Forum in what she believed was a substitute to dealing with Nga Ruahine. "It is not a forum which is mandated by us to speak on our behalf in this way," she said.

Seabed Miners or Blue Whales

Which do **YOU** choose?

Make a submission, today!



Oil Activists Gatecrash Exhibit Opening

28 September

More than 200 costumed British anti-oil and gas protesters gate crashed and took over the opening of a new exhibition at the British Museum in protest over BP sponsoring the museum and cultural events and the arts.

The activists also gave the museum's security team a salutary lesson in security. Despite having publicly announced their intentions to the museum beforehand, the 200-odd protesters still managed to smuggle their costumes, make-up, and even a 40-foot 'sea monster' passed security and into the museum for the hour-long protest.

This was despite the museum in response putting on extra security guards and increasing bag searches and screening of people entering the museum. Having entered the museum looking like ordinary members of the public, the 200 or so protesters then invaded the museum's cafe, produced their costumes

and makeup and staged an hour-long piece of street theatre that portrayed BP as 'pirates' destroying the world's oceans with a Kraken (a mythical sea monster) - and which the protesters had also somehow managed to sneak past security.

The UK issue motivated group 'BP or Not BP' has been established specifically to target and sabotage BP's sponsorship of the arts and culture. The protesters say they were there to sabotage the opening of the British Museum's 'Sunken Cities' exhibition which BP had sponsored, and to challenge the museum's decision, in late July, to renew its sponsorship deal with BP for another five years.

In April, 'BP or Nor BP' and other issue motivated groups won their campaign to stop BP sponsoring the Edinburgh International Film Festival. BP's AGM in April was also targeted for protest; and protesters sabotaged the opening of BP's sponsorship of a performance of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet.

See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVtNRTCOj9Q





GPNZ Opposition to Seabed Mining

28 September

It should come as no surprise Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) is supporting opposition to Trans Tasman Resources' latest application to mine west coast iron sands.

GPNZ has launched an online petition in support of opposition to the mining company's plans. According to GPNZ, last year nearly 5,000 people made a submission opposing seabed mining. GPNZ says this year it is hoping to get double that number before submissions to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) close on 14 October at 5pm.



Greenpeace New Zealand

1 hr

What's at danger with seabed mining? Whales, dolphins, and our precious beaches.

Help Kiwis Against Seabed Mining with the fight and make a submission >>
<http://greenpeace.nz/i8a1rv>



TAKE ACTION: Say no to seabed mining in New Zealand waters

The seabed mining company 'Trans Tasman Resources' has once again applied to NZ's EPA to mine 50 million tonnes of sand every year for 20 years in a 66 sqkm ...

ACT UP! BEACHSIDE 2012

Activists Get \$500 Grant

27 September

The anti-oil and gas issue motivated group 'Frack Free Manawatu/Whanganui' has celebrated getting a \$500 cash grant from Radical Action Grants to help it protest against oil and gas operations in the Manawatu and Whanganui areas.

Radical Action Grants (RAG) is a self-funding collective of activists - many of them professional activists working for such organisations as Greenpeace - who source funding for protest activities from various areas and donors and then make these funds available to small, local grassroots protest groups which are less able to access financial assistance. It's coordinator is Greenpeace NZ's full time National Coordinator of Volunteers.

RAG has in fact just announced it has open applications for its annual spring

grants. In calling for applications, RAG says, "The environment has been busy recently kicking out lots of corporate investors around the country.

"Multiple companies are relinquishing oil survey permits, withdrawing applications or reviewing operations. Solid Energy seems to be having a firesale of its coal operations after rock bottom coal prices.

"It is more important than ever for Aotearoa to show our staunch opposition to climate crimes being committed here, and to make sure that international fossil fuel investors know that they are not welcome here.

"There have been great numbers of people taking action on issues that matter to them, and if you have ideas on environmental and climate actions you would like to see in your town, then please apply for a Radical Action Grant if you need a bit of funding."

Applications for grants close on 23 October, with the successful groups being given the money by 04 December.



Protest Against Todd Energy

26 September

About 20 Wellington anti-oil and gas protesters held a noisy but peaceful protest outside the offices of Todd Energy in the Capital last week.

The protesters banged pots and pans, held anti-Todd Energy banners, and handed out a leaflet which claimed to give '10 reasons why Todd Energy should stop fracking' (see image below).

A spokesman for Oil Free Wellington said Todd Energy's subsidiary Nova Energy was

seeking consent for a gas burning power station in the Waikato, and had begun construction on another in New Plymouth.

Claiming the protesters were engaged in a 'David and Goliath battle', Oil Free Wellington's spokesman said, "Our message to Todd [Corporation] is if you expect to get away with this, you will not. You will face opposition. There are groups in Taranaki opposing Todd and there are groups in Wellington and around Aotearoa."

He claimed exploration for oil and gas was the "last thing companies should do while the world faced a climate change crisis."

He went onto say, "Last year our government signed on to the Paris Climate Agreement, where we said we would start taking climate change seriously. If we're going to do that, we need to leave two-thirds of the gas we've already found, in the ground. Todd [and its] subsidiary Nova, is building power stations but it's also exploring for more."

A spokeswoman for 'Frack Free Kapiti' and whose group supported the protest, posted the following Facebook message to members of her group reflecting its left wing political stance and stating, "It is great to see Wellingtonians calling out the Todds who are the biggest frackers in NZ. The Todds under Nova are going to build two more gas-fired power plants and have been undercutting electricity suppliers who are striving for 100 percent renewable electricity- that is capitalism at any price! "And how sad that the Todd family being number three on the NZ Rich List need to dig up more fossil fuel for no better reason than to make more profit for the Todd family."

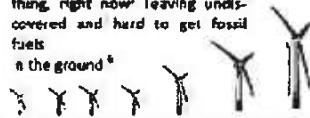
This is not the first time Todd Energy has been singled out by Oil Free Wellington for protest. Protests have been aimed against Todd Energy operations in Taranaki, and even a beachside holiday home owned by the Todd family has been targeted.

One possible reason for the focus is the fact Oil Free Wellington's leadership is dominated by left-wing militants who have a strong anti-capitalist leaning towards corporate wealth and have previously accused the Todd family of being representative of that.



FRACKING and the activities associated are THREATENING

1. The communities we love.
 2. The environments we live in.
 3. The climate we all depend on.
4. Fracking causes earthquakes and so does 'deep well injection' used to dispose of produced waste. Todd Energy say the quakes are only minor¹ but experts at the U.S. Geological Survey do not know if there is an upper limit on the magnitude of the induced quakes. The highest recorded to date is 5.6 and linked to waste water injection.²
 5. Empirical evidence repeatedly confirms fracking pollutes ground water.
 6. Todd's drilling activities in Taranaki have seriously contaminated ground water with BTEX and BAP.³
 7. Fracked gas is just as damaging as coal is to the climate.⁴
 8. Just 6% of gas extracted in NZ is used by our communities in hospitals, hotels, restaurants, horticulture greenhouses, schools and in our homes-while 49% is processed into petrochemicals.⁵
 9. 30% of the gas is used to generate electricity and 15% goes to industry.⁶
 10. Our future depends on the fossil fuel industry doing the right thing, right now, leaving undiscovered and hard to get fossil fuels in the ground.⁷



MEET THE FRACKERS

- They have interests in 80 percent of all NZ's productive oil and gas fields.
- They use fracking as a standard treatment to maximize production at many of those fields.
- They prefer not to speak publicly about their business or ethics and just quietly take the profits.



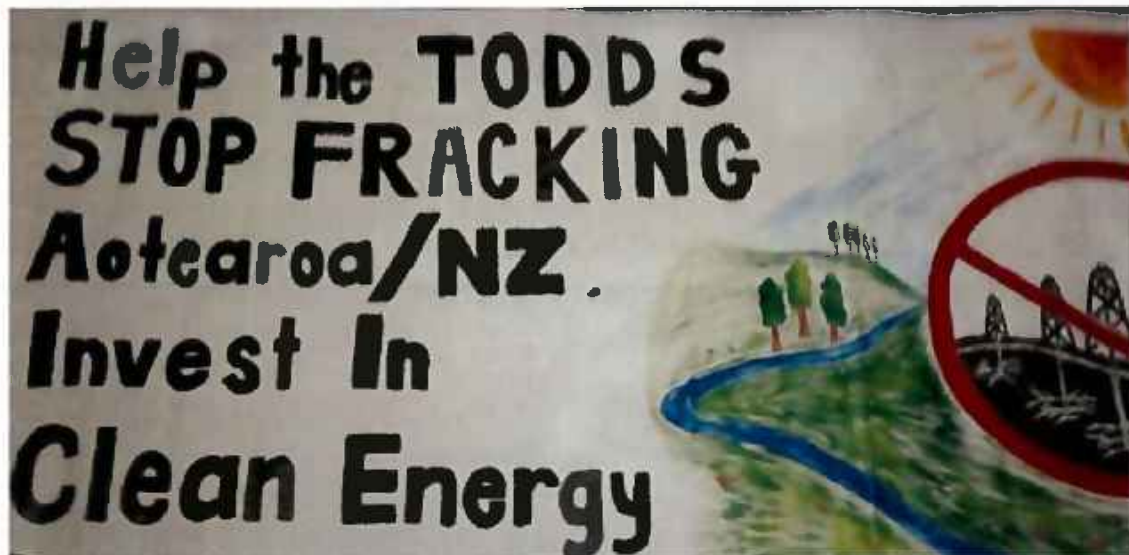
The Todd family are based in Wellington and the Todd Corporation is their family business. Established in the early 1900's oil and then NZ gas have been the bread and butter of the business. The Todd Corporation is owned by 160 family members who are the sole shareholders, it is valued at \$3.6 billion and pays profits of hundreds of millions of dollars annually into Todd family trusts. Todd Corporation includes Todd Energy and NOVA Energy. Head Office is in the Todd Tower, Wgtn.⁸

TELL NOVA IT'S OVA

The Todds frack NZ to make electricity. In 2016 with an abundance of renewable energy options it is hard to imagine. However, right now and against the will of the the community, the Todds persist with plans to build two more gas-fired power plants. While other electricity suppliers race toward a 100% renewable power goal, the Todds continue to take us down the fossil fuel hole. Drilling unconventional wells, producing electricity from the gas and then, through their retail company NOVA, selling the electricity to unsuspecting customers. The Todds should not have the prerogative to sacrifice our environment, climate and future wellbeing, simply to make more profit for the Todds. They could do so much better.

WHAT IS FRACKING >>>>

(1) <http://www.stuff.co.nz/wairarapa-and-bay-of-plenty/news/7510839/The-good-and-bad-of-fracking> (2) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking> (3) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking> (4) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking> (5) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking> (6) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking> (7) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking> (8) <http://www.ands.com.au/energy/industry/fracking>



Activists Plea for a Fossil Free Vote

25 September

The Dunedin-based issue motivated group, Oil Free Otago (OFO), has called for Dunedinites to vote along climate-focussed lines in this year's local body elections.

OFO claims Dunedin is "leading the charge to a low carbon economy" with the city council and Otago University having recently adopted fossil fuel divestment policies.

OFO's spokeswoman (a veteran activist who lives with her artist husband at Blueskin

Bay, 25km north of the city) said in a statement last week that, "meanwhile Simon Bridges and his National Government are stuck back in the fossil fuel era, yet again inviting oil companies into our back yard, selling off the rights to drill in our oceans."

OFO is particularly angry, she says, with the fact the Government has announced the beginning of consultation with Iwi on the NZ Petroleum and Minerals 2017 Oil and Gas Block Offer, covering 210,884 square kilometres of the Canterbury and Great South Basins.

Consultation with local councils will begin on 17 October. But she says, "as in previous years ordinary citizens have been shut out of the Block Offer consultation, and so depend on the representation of their elected councillors.

"We were pleased that last year the Dunedin City Council formally opposed the government's Block Offer (and) our message to new councillors is: same again, with urgency."

She relies on a new report published, which she says, calculates that to meet the Paris Climate Agreement of two degrees of global warming the planet cannot afford any new oil and gas drilling.

"Our only hope now is a swift, managed decline in the production of all current oil, gas and coal production. The Government is thumbing their nose at their climate commitments. Dunedin voters urgently need to know if our next councillors are going to work to safeguard our future, or sabotage it," she added.

Oil Free Otago says it wrote to prospective Dunedin City Councillors and so far have received ten replies. Two candidates for council, one of whom is a spokesman for the pro-industry Pro Gas Otago, both support oil and gas exploration and say they will not oppose the Government's Block Offer.

However, OFO says that eight others who replied say they will oppose offshore oil and gas exploration if elected.

Furthermore, seven of these candidates say they will support a submission opposing the Block Offer while the current Mayor says he will not support such a submission, but is willing to "commit to expressing the views of the Dunedin community as best we can ascertain them." On the last occasion the council submitted a view of the Block Offer, the overwhelming preponderance of views expressed by the community was opposed to further exploration and extraction, he said.

Of those councillors standing again this year, five voted in favour of the council divesting its shares in fossil fuel extraction companies last year, while four opposed divestment.

OFO's spokeswoman adds, "The Government has chosen April Fools' Day 2017 for

the new permits to begin, but no oil companies have even bothered to bid for permits in our southern region, some of the most treacherous ocean in the world, since 2013. Last month two oil prospecting companies, ION Geophysical and Houston based TGS, withdrew their prospecting permit applications before they were even approved."



Fifth Global Frackdown Protest

15 October

The the fifth Global Frackdown, an international day of action to challenge the oil and gas industry and ban fracking worldwide has been set down for 15 October.

This annual international protest is each jointly organised by the US-based group Food and Water Watch, and the Belgium-based group Food and Water Europe.

Both groups say they are jointly encouraging a world day of action against the oil and gas industry in order to demand:

- * An immediate ban without any exemptions of all types of fracking with regard to the research, exploration and exploitation of fossil energy sources. This ban should apply whether or not the fracturing occurs with or without chemicals, hydraulically or in other ways.

- * A halt to the import and export of 'fracked' fossil fuels and a cessation of infrastructure expansion to support this trade.

- * A ban on the injection of the fracking waste as a disposal method.

- * A revision of the existing mining laws. The revision must focus on ensuring the highest environmental standards and the participation rights of the public.

- * A commitment to make the investments necessary for a quick and just transition to a 100 percent renewable energy future.

The organisers claim that the oil and gas industry "has spent millions of dollars on slick PR campaigns and high-profile lobbying efforts to buy the ability to extract fossil fuels from our communities and to expand the global Liquefied Natural Gas network with as little government oversight as possible, all while endangering and destroying our air, water, land resources and our climate."

The organisers also claim that "Fracking is an inherently dangerous practice that has far reaching effects. Gas is not a bridge fuel to a low carbon economy. It is a bridge to environmental destruction and a climate disaster."

Local anti-oil and gas groups are expected to support this protest here. However, to date, there has not been any Facebook events pages set up locally yet for local protests - although last year, protests were held at Paraparaumu and Palmerston North in support of this event.



'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/



Manawatu Anti-Fracking Event

22 October

Frack Free Manawatu (FFM) is co-hosting a three-hour 'Enviro Fest' at the Palmerston North Library on 22 October, from 1-3pm. This event is being held in conjunction with the Palmerston North City Environmental Trust (PNCET).

It will include a number of presentations and short films, plus afternoon tea. FFM says fracking is an extremely relevant issue in New Zealand with many wide ranging negative effects. It says the main topic covered at this event will be 'fracking' and its adverse effects on bees, public health, and the environment.



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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Unprecedented lawsuit launched

18 October

Following yesterdays cryptic message of a big announcement to take place at 21.30 hours (NZ time), Greenpeace New Zealand has published the following press release this morning:

"An unprecedented legal case has been filed against the Norwegian Government for allowing oil companies including state-owned Statoil to drill for new oil in the Arctic. The case, part of a global legal phenomenon, comes only days after Statoil pulled

the plug on its New Zealand operations in Northland, and just before a visit by Norway's indigenous Sami Parliament, who are meeting with iwi around the country to discuss Statoil's presence here.

The Sami visit follows a Maori delegation to Norway last year, who met with local Sami indigenous people and attended the annual Statoil shareholders meeting to put the owners on notice that their investment in Aotearoa would be met by stiff resistance.

The legal case filed against the Norwegian Government last night for allowing oil companies, including Statoil, to drill for new oil in the Arctic Barents Sea, is the first following the ratification of the Paris Climate Agreement. The plaintiffs, Nature and Youth and Greenpeace Nordic, argue that Norway is violating the Paris Agreement and the people's constitutional right to a healthy and safe environment for future generations.

Greenpeace New Zealand climate campaigner and lawyer, Kate Simcock, says the case could have implications around the world.

"With the success of the Urgenda climate case against the Dutch Government, and now this, we're seeing that it's possible for ordinary people and smart legal tactics to hold governments to account on their plans to tackle climate change," she says.

"This is a growing legal phenomenon. We're seeing it here too. New Zealand's appalling emissions reduction targets are already under challenge and our Government should be watching this case very closely and re-thinking just what it means to have no plan for cutting our climate pollution."

Around this time last year, 24-year-old Waikato law student Sarah Thomson commenced a case against the New Zealand Government, saying its emissions targets were irrational.

Thomson's case was one of the first of a ripple of climate litigation spreading around the globe, which have the backing of a broad civil society coalition, are fronted by young environmentalists, and supported by scientists, indigenous leaders, activists and public figures.

Like New Zealand, Norway was among the first countries in the world to ratify the Paris Agreement, which is about to enter into force. By ratifying, countries promise to ambitiously reduce emissions and help limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C.

Yet at the same time, both countries are opening up new oil license rounds allowing companies to explore for the dirty fuels that scientists say must stay in the ground if we are to avoid a climate catastrophe.

In New Zealand, the Government's 2017 Block Offer consultation process has just started. The process involves NZPAM seeking input from iwi, hapū and local authorities about the proposed areas that will be opened for oil exploration in 2017.

Last year's consultation round saw communities speaking out about local oil exploration, with councils in Gisborne, Wellington, Kaikoura, Christchurch and Dunedin all voicing concern or opposition to the proposal.

In partnership with Chevron, Statoil will continue to prospect for oil in New Zealand's lower East Coast waters. And across the globe, the Norwegian Government is allowing Statoil and other oil companies to start a major new exploration campaign in the Barents Sea, where they want to drill up to seven new exploratory wells in 2017.

In the wake of the oil company's sudden exit from Northland and announcement that it will now focus attention on its East Coast permits, Greenpeace New Zealand has called for a "summer of action" to drive Statoil and other oil companies out of the country for good".

The announcement was live-streamed to worldwide supporters via Facebook.

Unprecedented move against Arctic oil announced in ...

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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 currently assessed at **MODERATE** for onshore operations, and also **MODERATE** for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry related operations, particularly when in port.

This increase in the rating is in direct response to Greenpeace New Zealand on 14 October publicly announcing it was renewing its campaign to drive oil and gas companies out of New Zealand through a campaign of direct action and civil disobedience planned for this summer (see the explanation of Thompson+Clark'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.

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Activist Announces Survey Ship on Site

21 October

The Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) activist who has been monitoring the movements of the seismic survey vessel PGS Apollo off the west coast has advised other activists that the vessel is now on site in the survey area.

The activist states she knows this because she had tracked the vessel via AIS to a position northwest of Farewell Spit. She advised the other members of the group that, "PGS Australia Pty Ltd were granted a two year oil and gas Prospecting Permit (60102) on 17 August 2016. The permit covers 108097.091sqkm of ocean, almost the entire west coast of the North Island (minus existing permits). PGS Australia collect data about potential oil and gas deposits and sell it to oil companies."

Referring to the activists' belief that the operations of the survey vessel is a threat to marine mammals, most especially the critically endangered Maui's dolphins, the activist placed the following post on CJT's Facebook page on 21 October.

"Prayers for Maui Dolphins and other marine mammals! PGS Apollo looks to have finally entered the PGS Australia prospecting permit area this afternoon but is still a long way out of the zone PGS said they would be surveying.

"The seismic survey ship is escorted by the tug Searanger and supply ship Thor Alpha which will refuel the PGS Apollo every five weeks while it remains at sea.

"In mid November, when this survey is completed in the South Taranaki Bight, they will move to North Taranaki where they will undertake at least one other seismic survey."

Referring to the West Coast Marine Mammal Sanctuary, she said, "Critically endangered Maui Dolphins are supposed to be protected within this area that the NZ government has opened for seismic surveying. The Marine Mammal Sanctuary along

the West Coast is supposed to protect the remaining Maui Dolphins from harm but their wellbeing and safety is at risk from seismic surveys in the area."



Oil and Gas a "Threat to Dolphins"

20 October

Greenpeace New Zealand is demanding further protection for Maui dolphins after the latest population estimate shows the number of the critically endangered dolphins has risen, while claiming petroleum exploration is threatening their survival.

The Maui survey, carried out by DoC, MPI, and researchers from Auckland and Oregon State Universities, estimates that there are now about 63 Maui left, an increase from the last estimate of 55 in a 2010-2011 survey. Until now, 'Save the 55' has been the catch phrase of the save the Maui dolphin movement.

Greenpeace NZ says while it's encouraging that indications are that there has been a small increase in the population of the world's smallest and rarest dolphin, it does not change their critically endangered status.

It does, however, show that the added protections that have been implemented over the years might be working, and must be continued, expanded and intensified, says Greenpeace NZ. This is especially pressing considering new and destructive human activities like seismic testing and seabed mining are now being planned and carried out in and around the Maui's habitat, it adds.

Greenpeace NZ says it is calling on the Government to extend the dolphin's marine mammal sanctuary refuge to cover their full habitat range, issue a ban on net

fishing, seabed mining, petroleum exploration and drilling from within the sanctuary, and ban seismic testing from within 20 nautical miles of the sanctuary's boundary. Greenpeace NZ says over 65,000 people have now signed Greenpeace's petition calling on the government to implement stronger measures. Greenpeace says evidence suggests that Maui may be travelling outside of the area that is currently protected.

Recent research shows Maui's cousins, Hector's dolphins, regularly travel outside of their normal habitat in winter, far away from safe waters. Greenpeace argues that if Maui are doing the same, then they could be in grave danger. Currently, their protected zone only covers where they are known to be in summer.

Greenpeace's position is mirrored by the World Wide Fund for Nature NZ (WWF) which says the Government still needs to do "more than the minimum" to save the dolphin from the very real prospect of extinction. "Clearly the numbers are still extremely low," its spokesman said. "Maui dolphins need to be protected throughout their range from set netting, trawling and risky marine mining activities."

MAUI'S DOLPHIN HABITAT



Norwegian Group Supports Protest

20 October

The President of the indigenous Sami Parliament of Norway arrived in the country this weekend, to engage with Maori communities who say they are opposed to exploration here by Norwegian oil company Statoil.

Last week, Statoil announced it was handing back two permits in the Reinga Basin, but is continuing a joint venture with Chevron, exploring a large area of ocean from the Napier coastline to Kaikoura.

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner claims, "It is curious that within days of the Samediggi confirming their visit to Aotearoa, Statoil abruptly surrendered the Reinga Basin permits."

President Aili Keskitalo (see photo below) and the Samediggi delegation will be formally welcomed into the country on Monday, for their first engagement with Maori leaders from the Far North and followed by meetings in Northland, Gisborne and Waikato.

"Climate change is impacting people around the globe, notably for Sami who live near the Arctic circle. The expansion of fossil fuel production must stop and the faster we advance alternative energy solutions, the safer everyone's grandchildren will be," said Greenpeace's Northland Climate Campaigner in a press release prepared by his partner, a journalist with Te Hiku Media, Northland.

See this link for a Radio Te Hiku interview with this subject with Greenpeace's Northland Climate Campaigner. <http://tinyurl.com/gnwl7j5>



Greenpeace Rep Discusses Survey Ship

20 October

The Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) activist who is monitoring and commenting on the movements of the seismic survey vessel PGS Apollo has discussed the vessel's movements via a series of public Facebook posts with Greenpeace New Zealand's National Coordinator of Volunteers, expressing her puzzlement over the vessel's behaviour and seeking her advice on what the ship might be doing.

One of the principle roles of the Coordinator is to train and organise Greenpeace volunteers willing to undertake protest action.

It seems that after detecting the PGS Apollo outside the survey zone, on 20 October, the CJT activist referred her screen shots of the vessel's movements to Greenpeace's Coordinator for advice on what she thinks the vessel might be doing.

Greenpeace's Coordinator has come back to the CJT activist with the comment, "testing equipment? calibrating? waiting for their support vessel? - it's anyone's guess..."

The CJT activist has responded by saying, "I think at least one of the two support vessels have been with it for a few days. I can only monitor the track of the ship briefly when I come online so can't see where it's been apart from the short track

shown. This is where it was at 8:10 last night..."

The CJT activist has then sent Greenpeace's Coordinator a screenshot of the location of the Apollo's support vessels taken from AIS, which she described as the location of the "tug and special craft."

She has then gone onto post a screenshot of the Apollo located on AIS to the entire CJT Facebook group showing the vessel off Westport with the following comment, "The PGS Apollo appears to be conducting its seismic survey off the coast of Westport and far from the designated block near Farewell Spit. This was the position of the ship and support vessels at 1:35pm Tuesday 18 October."

She has then posted another image of the actual survey area, saying, "The green block is where PGS Apollo is supposed to be surveying until mid November."

Other CJT activists have come on line and added their comments. These are:

"That's quite a little bit outside their permit zone - fruckin frackers!"

"The Apollo was right out of range last night, in somebody else fishing permit zone. Does Maritime even monitor these frackers?"

"I guess an exploitation permit is permission to go where you please."



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Greenpeace is calling for a summer of action on oil.

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Greenpeace - "We Will Push You Out"

18 October

With activist morale high following Statoil's announcement it was relinquishing its Reinga Basin exploration permits last week, Greenpeace NZ now says confidentially that is going to drive the company out of New Zealand completely.

Greenpeace is claiming credit for the permits being relinquished, claiming, "Although the company's representatives were quick to claim the move came as a result of the low a probability of finding oil there, the sudden exit follows years of protest by the Northland community."

Greenpeace says that earlier this year, "hundreds of people" used peaceful civil disobedience to block the doors of the annual petroleum conference by sitting in the way, and causing disruption. "The oil industry obviously felt the heat, because next year, the conference has been moved to New Plymouth," says Greenpeace's Northland Climate Campaigner and Maori liaison officer.

He says Statoil leaving Northland is "certainly a win for people power. It's a cause for celebration. But it's not over yet. No, our oily intruder still has its claws firmly sunken into our beautiful East Coast. You could say that right now, Statoil is halfway out the door. Now is the time to redouble our efforts and push them out for good."

Activist Outlines anti-Statoil tactics

Greenpeace's campaigner goes on to explain in a blogpost addressed to Greenpeace supporters how he reckons Greenpeace forced Statoil to relinquish its exploratory permits for the Reinga Basin.

He says, "The first we heard of the Statoil exploration permit was when the Government announced it as part of their programme to support fossil fuel extraction by international oil companies.

"Inspired by the successful campaign by Te Whānau-ā-Apanui and Greenpeace to stop ultra deep oil drilling in the Raukumara basin off the East Cape, and the Anadarko operation off the coast of Taranaki, we immediately began organising in Northland.

"A series of public meetings were held across the region, from which a number of community based anti-oil drilling groups emerged in Kaitia, Hokianga, and Whangarei. Meetings were held with the relevant local iwi authorities to establish their formal positions on the issue and to further analyse the business and activity of deep water drilling. As a result Ngati Kuri, Ngati Kahu and Te Rarawa declared their formal opposition to it," he claims.

He says over ten thousand fact sheets were produced and distributed at major events in the region, including Waitangi Day, and the Ngapuhi festival. And then further significant local community led organising began to occur.

Signs and billboards started appearing all over Northland. Local iwi media began regular reporting on the issue, and a range of community meetings and events kicked off. This included hiko mobilisations, open-air concerts, hands across the sands events, banners on the beach and volatile public meetings with representatives of Statoil, he said.

He says the activists; strategy had a number of objectives:

1. Develop public awareness of the scope and nature of ultra deep water drilling.
2. Dispel the "myths and propaganda of the oil industry."
3. Withdraw the social license of Iwi and local communities.
4. Undermine international shareholder confidence amongst the owners of Statoil.
5. Initiate legal challenges to Statoil's activities through domestic jurisdictions within New Zealand and within Norway itself.
6. Internationalise the pressure on Statoil by aligning with other indigenous

campaigns targeting Statoil.

7. Position NZ as one of the least desirable locations to conduct oil drilling.

Protest Activity

When Statoil began its seismic surveying of the permit area off the West Coast of Northland, their survey vessel was intercepted at sea by the ocean going waka hourua "Haunui" and told to "withdraw from tribal waters," he says.

He also says, that given a "mandate" by the Ahipara Komiti Takutaimoana marine protection group, he then led a small delegation of Northland Maori to Norway to engage with the local Sami indigenous people and to attend the annual Statoil shareholders meeting to "put the owners on notice that their investment in Aotearoa would be met by stiff resistance."

He claims by early 2016, "the perfect storm of negative operating conditions for Statoil that we had anticipated began to emerge."

- Social opposition within Aotearoa was steadily escalating.
- Maori and local body opposition was getting more strident.
- The Sami Parliament was expressing its concerns about Statoil directly to the company within Norway.
- The climate movement and public discourse was increasingly identifying fossil fuels as the main global contributor to climate change.

Greenpeace Getting Ready to Escalate

While he says Greenpeace is pleased with the support it got pushing for Statoil's withdrawal from the Far North. "It's not game over yet," he adds.

Statoil, in partnership with Chevron, are still prospecting in lower East Coast waters. "We remain fully engaged in continuing the campaign until every ultra deep-water exploration project is halted altogether. Rather than scaling down, we are about to significantly escalate our campaign this summer," he says.



Block Offer Christchurch Protest

02 November

The Christchurch issue motivated group Oil Free Otago plans a 'supportive' protest at the Christchurch City Council when it meets on 02 November to discuss its response to the 2017 Block Offer.

A majority of the councillors are known to be opposed to the Block Offer, and last year the council formally expressed its opposition to the government when asked for feedback on the 2016 Block Offer. The council's response this year is likely to be the same.



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Block the Offer: Christchurch City Council Meeting

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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MAUI Dolphin PROJECT LAUNCH - SANCTUARY IN THE SUN, A NEW DAWN for the DOLPHINS

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4. Obstructive and illegal Direct Action protest is very likely to occur.	HIGH (Orange)	
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