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Oil and Gas Activism



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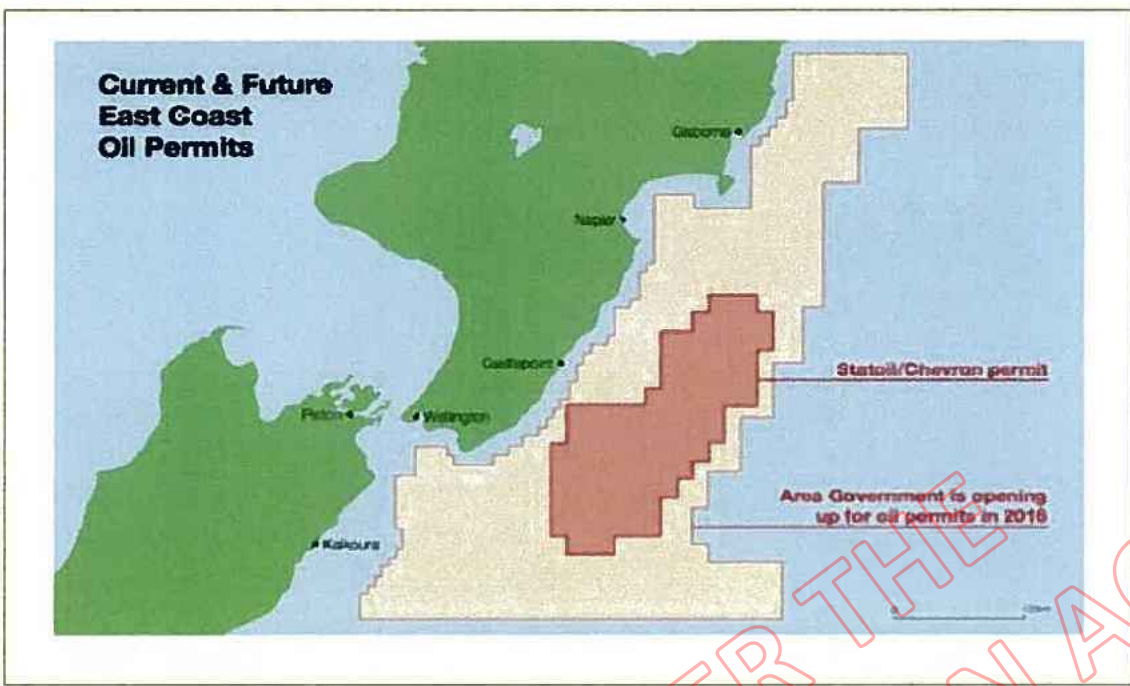
Comparison with Standing Rock

29 October

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner has tried to compare petroleum exploration permits granted to Statoil and Chevron with the Dakota Access Pipeline protests being conducted by Sioux Indians at Standing Rock in the United States.

In a post on his personal Facebook page over the weekend, the campaigner (and who is also Greenpeace's Maori Liaison Officer) has borrowed heavily from hyperbole to state under a map of Chevron's and Statoil's North Island, west coast, "Tangata whenua all over the world are standing up against big oil. This is the defining struggle of our generation. This is the remaining Statoil and Chevron deep water oil permit. Toka tu moana The standing rock in our ocean...is that us? Share and prepare."

Included in his post was a map (see below) of Statoil's and Chevron's East Coast exploration permits.



Activists Spoof Todd Energy

28 October

Activists from the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington have produced a spoof video in a bid to make their ongoing protest campaign against Todd Energy a bit more "fun."

Todd is being targeted for protest because of the company's plan to build two small, but new gas fired power stations.

In the video, a character called Mr Todd struts around and makes a lot of inappropriate statements which purport to show the company being uncaring and acting in a way which is harmful to the environment.

Titled "Todd Energy Cares for the Environment" - the video shows a character speaking in a manner which suggests exactly the opposite.

The video, however, hasn't received much of a public following or been viewed in many times - so far only 125 people have viewed it.

The video can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFH-oWorUZU>



Activist Claims Navy Protecting Survey

26 October

In what was probably the most fanciful claim of the week, a prominent member of the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki claimed the Navy had been dispatched to protect the seismic survey vessel 'PGS Apollo' which is currently undertaking survey work for oil and gas clients off Taranaki.

This particular activist spends a lot of time following the movements of vessels associated with the oil and gas industry and posts about their movement on social media. Last week when tracking the vessel, it appears she may have crossed paths with the frigate Te Mana which was in the same region as the 'PGS Apollo' was operating; and adding 1+1, came up with 3.

Protecting oil and gas with warships

The navy warship HMNZS Te Mana is lurking around the islands of the Marlborough Sounds, no doubt "expecting resistance" and sent there by the government to protect the PGS Apollo seismic blasting.

<http://www.navy.mil.nz/fmtf/te-mana/default.htm>



Norwegian Group Supports Activists

22 October

In covering the visit here of a delegation from Norway's indigenous people's parliament, the Saami, TVNZ's Maori language news and current affairs programme, Te Karere has quoted a leading Ngāti Kahu activist, who is a professor of Maori Studies at Auckland University, blaming the oil and gas industry for an increase in whale strandings along 90 Mile Beach in the Far North.

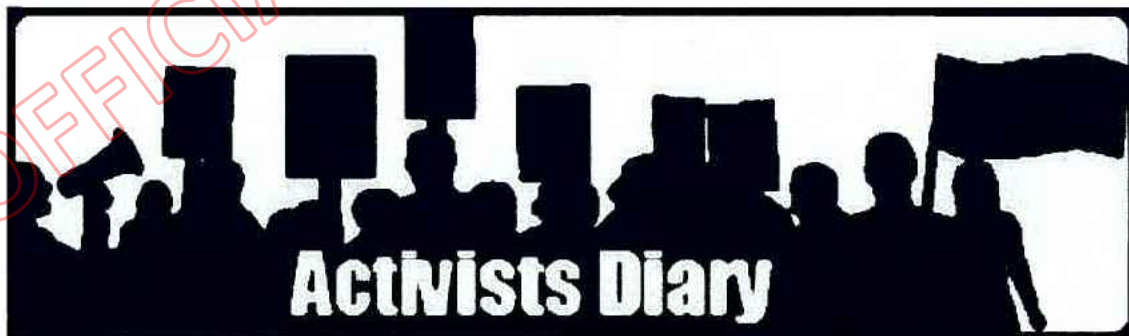
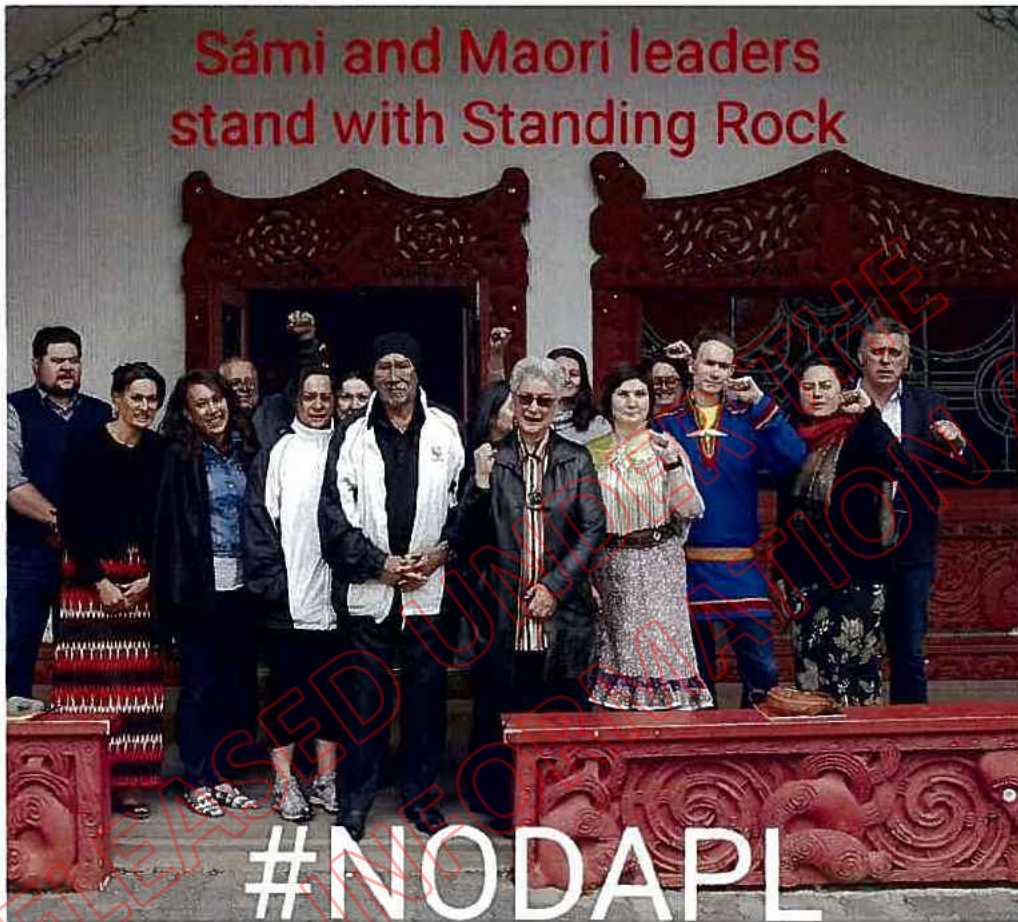
Te Karere quotes the professor as claiming there have been "five or six" whale strandings since Statoil has conducted seismic operations in the Reinga Basin and "these are just the ones we know about," she is quoted as saying in the Te Karere item broadcast on 23 October.

The Saami delegation was at the university's Waipapa Marae, where she spoke with the chairs of iwi rūnanga in the Far North about oil drilling and met the Head of Maori Studies. The delegation is being escorted and the country by Greenpeace NZ's

Northland Climate Campaigner who has led the campaign against Statoil.

The interview which quotes the professor may be viewed here:

<http://tinyurl.com/goammve>



Block Offer Christchurch Protest

02 November

The Christchurch issue motivated group Oil Free Otautahi 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.



Maui Dolphin Event

01 March 2017

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East Coast Focus for Protest Group

05 November

The online issue motivated group 'Stop Statoil Bay of Islands' has changed its name to better reflect its intended protest focus against petroleum exploration activities off the North Island's east coast by the survey vessel 'Amazon Explorer' which is due here shortly to survey permits held by a number of operators in the East Coast Basin.

The name of the group is now, '#STOPPED STATOIL BAY OF ISLANDS & #stopstatoil-Te Tairawhiti' (Gisborne).

The group operates a closed Facebook page and has 368 members. It has previously mounted protests (such as this one seen below in February 2015).



Greenpeace Steps up its Protest Talk

05 November

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner is leading the opposition to the impending presence of the survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior' due to commence operations off the east coast of the North Island shortly with his frequent Facebook posts attacking the government for allowing offshore exploration and oil companies for having a presence here.

On 05 November, he posted a photograph of the 'Amazon Warrior' (see photo below) on his Facebook page which has over 7,000 followers and friends with the following commentary, "This is the Amazon Warrior (aint that name a slap in the face for all indigenous warriors). Its the largest seismic blasting ship in the world and its heading to our East Coast now to begin prospecting for oil in ultra deep waters."

In another Facebook post on 05 November, he shared a protest video published by one East Coast iwi, Ngati Kahungunu, which is opposed to any exploration activities off the East Coast and has set up a Facebook page opposing the presence of the 'Amazon Warrior' (see next item).

He has also posted an image which suggests Greenpeace International's ship watching service based on Auckland's Waiheke Island is tracking the vessel via AIS satellite.



Ngati Kahungunu resistance

Oil exploration begins November 2016

10,320 Views



Like Reply 19 hrs

New Group Set Up to Oppose Survey

05 November

A new online issue motivated group calling itself 'Te Ikaroa - Defending our Waters' has been established to oppose the North Island, east coast activities of the survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior'.

In a Facebook post on 05 November announcing its creation, the group said exploration in Te Ikaroa waters was to begin in November 2016.

It went onto claim, "The exploration will have irreparable damage on our waters, mammals and fisheries. The risks are extreme. Please protect Te Ikaroa, please share this video, please ask your hapū and iwi authorities to oppose."

The page's descriptor says, "In Nov 2016 oil companies Statoil and Chevron will enter the waters of Te Ikaroa to drill for oil. We the descendants of Te Ikaroa say NO #teikaroa." The page has received more than 200 likes within its first 24-hours of existence. That has now increased to more than 700..

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Oil exploration
begins Nov 2016
We say **NO**

Te Ikaroa

The battle against Statoil has shifted to the East

For information on the Ikaroa deep sea oil drilling issue

go here: <https://www.facebook.com/teikaroadefence/?fref=ts>

Oil exploration
begins Nov 2016

Te Ikaroa - Defending our Waters

Community · 760 Likes



Like Page



Te Ikaroa - Defending our Waters

3 hrs · 🌐

Statoil & Chevron have a licence to explore for oil in Te Ikaroa until May 2017. They will do this by seismic blasting.

What is seismic blasting? This short video gives a good description AND outlines the importance of people power.

We must mobilise to protect Te Ikaroa. More detail on activity will be posted here. Protect #teikaroa

http://youtu.be/1wfh_bXV7fk



The Real Story on Seismic Blasting in Our Oceans - YouTube

The ocean is a world of sound. Seismic airgun testing, a method of searching for offshore oil and gas, threatens to turn that world upside down. Seismic bl...

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Greenpeace Operating Off West Coast

02 November

On 02 November, Greenpeace New Zealand published a press release indicating it will be involved in surveying critically endangered Maui dolphins on the West Coast of the North Island until the end of November. Greenpeace is providing the craft and crew for the survey.

A photo shows them using a RHIB (rigid hull inflatable boat) believed to be a Gemini Waverider 730 with twin Yamaha 150 outboard motors, to conduct research assisted by Auckland University Researchers.

The research project will focus on the area of sea between the Manukau Heads and Port Waikato over the coming weeks. Seismic survey operations should be aware of Greenpeace vessels operating on the West Coast albeit further North at this stage.

It is noted that the scientist leading the Maui survey with GPNZ has spoken out about her opposition to oil and gas industry operations in marine sanctuaries

previously, in June 2014.

The full press release reads:

Greenpeace teams up with scientists to search for Māui dolphin

Press release - November 2, 2016

Greenpeace New Zealand has teamed up with researchers at the University of Auckland in an effort to discover more about the critically endangered Māui dolphin, including where they go in winter.

The project was launched yesterday, and the team have already spotted three Māui - almost 5% of the entire global population.

Best estimates show there are only about 63 left, and even catching a glimpse of one is rare.

Although scientists have information about the preferred habitat of Māui dolphins in summer, very little is known about where they go in the colder water months.

Leading the collaboration with Greenpeace is Senior Lecturer at the University of Auckland's School of Biological Sciences, Dr Rochelle Constantine. She is being assisted by PhD student of the Institute of Marine Science at the University of Auckland, Olivia Hamilton.

Hamilton says research shows Māui dolphins closest relative, Hector's dolphins, are travelling outside of their normal habitat in winter, away from protected waters.

"If Māui are doing the same, they may be moving outside of the current sanctuary into areas where there are human related threats," she says.

"With so few Māui left, we need to gather all of the information we can about their distribution in order to understand how we can best protect the population".

Greenpeace will be taking the researchers out in inflatable boats through until the end of November, where they'll be monitoring the seas between Manukau Harbour and Port Waikato.

The three Māui spotted yesterday were milling in one of their summer hot spots, in turbid waters close to shore, south of the Manukau Heads.

Greenpeace Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, says it was the first time he'd ever seen a Māui.

"They are such beautiful creatures. They are tiny and surprisingly fast, and very distinctive with their Mickey Mouse dorsal fins and black and grey colouring. It was bittersweet realising that the three that darted around our boat for half an hour actually represent 5% of the entire global population of Māui," he says.



Greenpeace Virtual Reality

Until 09 November

Greenpeace NZ travelling Arctic Virtual Reality Roadshow. From 11am-6pm each day, Greenpeace NZ is staging a free Arctic virtual reality experience where people can get a feel what it must be like on board the Greenpeace ship the Arctic Sunrise visiting Arctic waters. This roadshow is part of Greenpeace's campaign to prevent exploration for oil and gas in the Arctic. .



Climate Change Speaking Tour

24 November-07 December

Professor Guy McPherson returns to New Zealand to reprise his 2014 speaking tour with updates on what he says is the state of our rapidly unraveling biosphere. Professor McPherson is an American scientist, professor emeritus of natural resources and ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Arizona. He is best known for promoting the idea of near term extinction (NTE), a term he coined about the possibility of human extinction as soon as 2030. This is a free lecture tour of the North Island (see poster below for times and venues).



Professor Guy McPherson's 2016 New Zealand Abrupt Climate Change Tour

24 November - 7 December 2016



"If you really think the environment is less important than the economy, try holding your breath while you count your money."

~ Dr Guy McPherson

Public Event Tour Dates

6:00pm, 25.11.16 Kauri Room, Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, **Kaitiaki**
1:30pm, 26.11.16 In Step Dance Studio, 42 Reyburn House Lane, **Whangarei**
3:00pm, 27.11.16 Gold Lecture Theatre, Unitec Campus, Pt. Chevalier, **Auckland**
6:00pm, 28.11.16 Events Room 1, Bill Gallagher Centre, Wintec, **Hamilton**
6:00pm, 1.12.16 Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, **Whanganui**
3:00pm, 3.12.16 Renwick Anglican Church Hall, 54 High Street, Renwick, **Marlborough**
6:00pm, 5.12.16 Stop Out Soccer Club, Hutt Park, Gracefield, **Lower Hutt**
6:00pm, 6.12.16 Victoria Law School, Government Building Lecture Theatre 1, **Wellington**

Professor McPherson is an internationally renowned conservation biologist. During his Nationwide Tour of New Zealand he will be interviewed on television and radio and be giving free public lectures about the latest findings of the scientific community and from his own research. To learn more about Professor McPherson's work check out his blog Nature Bats Last at his website <http://guymcpherson.com/>

Dr Guy McPherson is Professor Emeritus of Conservation Biology at the University of Arizona where he taught for 20 years.

For more information about the tour see: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1144896312219485/>

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Third Council Opposes Block Offer

15 November

In a move mirroring that of the Auckland Council and the Christchurch City Council this month, the Dunedin City Council has this week voted to oppose the Government's 2017 Block Offer.

This is the second consecutive year that the council has voted to oppose the Block Offer. Although the decision was made during a period of intense lobbying of the council by the issue motivated group Oil Free Otago (OFO) this is not thought to have been the sole reason for the council's however.

Last year the council also opposed the Block Offer, expressing a view it was unhappy consultation was restricted to iwi, hapu, and affected local authorities that either have a proposed block in their area of jurisdictional control; or, have a proposed offshore block that abuts the coast within 100km of their jurisdictional area.

OFO says National's decisions regarding climate change must align with local and global expectations. New Zealand ratified the Paris Climate Agreement on October the 5th and agreed to reduce emissions.

Speaking for the majority of Councillors who voted to oppose the offer, Dunedin's Mayor David Cull said, "The world is waking up. We can't identify benefits of exploring off Dunedin's coast. I don't think we have a right to trade in our grandkids futures for some potential small pieces of silver along the

way."

A South Dunedin Community Board member who spoke out about the Block Offer described the latest Oil and Gas Block Offer as an "act of slow violence."

OFO claims this is, "Because fossil fuel extraction exacerbates a crisis bringing displacement, disease and death to a lot of people. So either we have a Government who cannot conceptually link deep sea oil exploration with the human impacts of climate change, or we have a Government that can, and are pushing ahead regardless. Either way it is deeply concerning."



Green MP Complains Ship Ruins View


14 November

Greenpeace New Zealand and other groups opposed to the presence of the seismic survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior' would have been alerted to its exact presence when the Green Party Member of Parliament and its spokesman on Security and Intelligence posted these images (below) of it in Cloudy Bay on his public Facebook page at about 20:00hrs on Sunday.

In the commentary accompanying the photographs, he complains that the vessel's presence ruined his viewing of this month astrological phenomenon known as a 'supermoon'. In the post he accuses the vessel of "hiding from Wellington's protesters" and that "this ecological thumper needs moving on out of New Zealand's

EEZ."

Publication of the post resulted in more than 1,650 shares to other Facebook pages and 400+ comments to the original post, many of these seeking to link the vessel's activities with the earthquakes that hit the South Island at the weekend.

 **Steffan Browning MP** added 2 new photos
November 13 at 7:59pm · 🌐

Sorry to see the world's biggest seismic blasting ship the Amazon Warrior off my beach, Rarangi in Cloudy Bay tonight. Hiding from Wellington's protestors today, this ship has been allowed in by Energy and Resources Minister Simon Bridges as part of the National Party's deep sea oil gamble. Spoiling our super moon viewing, this ecological thumper needs moving on out of New Zealand's EEZ.



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Group Calls for Survey to Stop

14 November

The East Coast issue motivated group 'Te Ikaroa' issued the following press release claiming a link between earthquakes and seismic detonations.

The group is claiming that yesterday's earthquakes are a reason why the East Coast MC3D seismic survey by the 'Amazon Warrior' should now not go ahead. The press release states:

Seismic Testing Presents Significant Risk To East Coast

Monday, 14 November 2016, 3:13 pm Press Release: Te Ikaroa - Defending Our Waters.

Anti-seismic-testing campaign group Te Ikaroa are calling upon the

government to immediately halt all seismic testing along the eastern seaboard, on the heels of this morning's 7.5 earthquake in Canterbury.

A peace flotilla in the Wellington Harbour yesterday was organised by Oil Free Wellington in protest to the arrival of the world's largest seismic testing vessel, The Amazon Warrior. The vessel, here to commence seismic testing for oil along the eastern seaboard, is currently unable to enter Wellington harbour due to significant structural quake damage at the port.

"Te Ikaroa are first and foremost concerned for the wellbeing of whānau along the eastern seaboard who are in fear of their own wellbeing and that of their whanau. In particular we extend our deepest sympathies to those who are grieving the loss of their loved ones in Kaikoura and Mount Lyford," says Tina Ngata, environmentalist and Te Ikaroa campaigner.

"This morning's earthquake has demonstrated the seismic vulnerability of the eastern seaboard of Aotearoa. Here on the East Coast, we are close to the Hikurangi tectonic plate boundary which lies just off the coast. This is the boundary between the Australian plate and the Pacific plate, and it is constantly shifting. Some of the very best scientists in our country, including the government's lead geologists, have noted the seismic vulnerability of this region.

"To heighten the risk of a seismic event by seismic blasting along this plate boundary defies all common sense – especially while we are still experiencing aftershocks. The last thing we need right now is for another event to be triggered through seismic testing. We are calling upon John Key to demonstrate his concern for the wellbeing of the communities along the eastern seaboard by immediately halting all seismic testing pending a review of the current level of risk."

The Amazon Warrior is due to commence imminent seismic testing for oil on behalf of Norwegian Oil giant Statoil. Seismic testing involves the dragging of a seismic airgun along the seabed, emitting seismic blasts every 10 seconds, 24 hours a day, from now until next May. Statoil acquired their permit from American multinational oil corporation Chevron, and the permit extends along the eastern seaboard and to depths that are unprecedented for New Zealand. Seismic blasting has been proven to be disruptive and harmful to sea life, including marine mammals, and is opposed by coastal fishing interests and eco-tourism operators including Ngāi Tahu's Whale Watch ventures.

Earlier this month, a petition was launched demanding that the Norwegian government, who hold the majority of shares for Statoil, withdraw the testing vessel from these waterways and denying consent for Statoil's exploratory activities. The petition has been endorsed by over 60 hapu and iwi groups along the eastern seaboard, from the top of the South Island up to the East Cape of the North Island, and more are endorsing the call by the day.

"Hapu and iwi are very concerned about the impacts of seismic testing and seabed mining - and this is why many of them opposed the oil block offer in the first place," says Ms Ngata. "It's appalling that government ignored the significant formal opposition to the block offer and are allowing this very risky practice to go ahead. We are concerned not only for the impacts of seismic testing and drilling upon quake vulnerability but also for the impacts that seismic testing has proven to have upon sea mammals, fish populations and delicate marine ecosystems. We're also extremely concerned that Maritime New Zealand has no vessels that can clean up a spill at the proposed depth, so a spill would have devastating results."

Further protests took place in Napier yesterday, where crowds gathered to voice their opposition to the activity. Event organiser Erena Tomoana noted that traditional ocean voyagers, hapu leaders and local community members turned out in force to express strong objections to the presence of Statoil and Chevron.

The petition launched by Te Ikaroa also invites support signatures from the broader New Zealand public, and has thus far collected nearly 1000 signatures from across New Zealand. The online petition can be signed at: <http://www.toko.org.nz/.../norway-statoil-is-not-welcome-in>.



Wellington Harbour Protest

13 November

On Sunday, the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington (with assistance from Greenpeace NZ) delivered on its promise to protest on-the-water in Wellington Harbour against the presence of the survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior' in New Zealand waters - albeit that the vessel itself was nowhere near the scene of the protest.

The protest was framed as an "unwelcoming party" for oil companies Statoil and Chevron and involved kayaks hired locally and Greenpeace NZ's fleet of rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIBs) which are normally kept in Auckland but were sent south to Wellington for the protest. This decision by Greenpeace may have been linked to the fact the Port of Wellington was originally shown as the destination on AIS for the 'Amazon Warrior'.

The protesters from OFW were augmented by a small number of Greenpeace Auckland activists and representatives from the recently formed East Coast anti-exploration issue motivated group Te Ikaroa. The protest did not impede shipping using the harbour and stayed close to the inshore lagoon area as OFW had promised.









Napier Protest a Quiet Affair

13 November

A protest in Napier on Marine Parade against the presence of the survey vessel 'Amazon Explorer' and organised by issue motivated group 'Te Ikaroa' proved to be mild affair.

The protest was restricted to speeches and waiata. Again the protest was

very orderly and well organised but attracted little media attention.

Greenpeace New Zealand was noted to have a presence there in the form of its Northland Climate Campaigner who had travelled down from his Cooper's Beach base in his house bus. After the protest, he then drove to Wellington to support protests there.



Petition Aiming for 50,000 Signatures

11 November

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner made an appeal for anyone who supports opposition to offshore exploration to sign a petition demanding Statoil withdraw from exploration activities in the East Coast Basin.

He says Greenpeace is hoping to get at least 50,000 signatures. The appeal,

made via a Facebook post to his 7,000 Facebook friends and followers, stresses that you don't have to live on the East Coast or be Maori to sign it, and says:

"Hey there friends and family, first off, thank you everyone that has signed the petition to the Norwegian Government, Statoil and Chevron. Its a special and unique petition in that its mandated by 70 hapu and could really make a difference ... provided that it has at least 50,000 signatures. The way to make that happen is to sign it and then share it AND promote it to your friends and whanau. Anyone can sign it, you don't have to be from the coast or Maori, all you've got to be is supportive and on to it."



Council Votes Against Block Offer

10 November

In a move not entirely unexpected, Auckland councillors have voted 14-7 against deep-sea oil exploration off the west coast of the North Island being included in the 2017 Block Offer.

At a governing body meeting last week, the council said oil exploration could have a catastrophic effect on the coastal and ocean environment, and industries such as fishing and tourism.

The decision also referred to the "critically endangered Maui's dolphins and other cetaceans living in the Tasman Sea" and to avoiding the "catastrophic impacts of climate change" and to achieving "the Paris goal of keeping the increase in global average temperature to well below 2C above pre-industrial levels".

Voting against an offer of oil exploration in the Government's 2017 block offer, the councillors believed the overall economic benefit to Auckland of deep sea oil would be negligible.

"Rather than encourage further oil exploration, effort should instead be put into developing abundant clean energy opportunities and strategies that can create employment and replace polluting energy sources," the amendment said.

Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director who was at the meeting with celebrity Greenpeace supporter Lucy Lawless tweeted, "It is ludicrous to support new oil exploration in a world of climate change.

Lawless (pictured below, at right) who led Greenpeace's occupation of the drill ship Noble Discoverer at Port Taranaki in 2012 has again agreed to front Greenpeace protests against the oil industry here this summer.

Greenpeace has been particularly praiseworthy of Auckland's new mayor, former Labour Party politician Phil Goff who, unlike his predecessor who used his casting vote last year to ensure the council supported the Block Offer, has emphatically spoken out against offshore exploration and voted against it.



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IT Firm Chooses Anti-Statoil Graffiti

09 November

The owner of a Gisborne IT firm has hired a graffiti artist to tag the front of its Bright Street offices with protest slogans opposing Statoil's presence on the East Coast and expressing solidarity with indigenous American tribes protesting to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The company, First Tribe Technologies/Gisborne Technology Partners, specialises in offering drone WiFi systems, 3D mapping of marae and a WiFi network between the country's numerous marae.

The owner's decision to live stream the painting of the front of this office resulted in more than 600 Facebook likes and 350 social media shares.



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This increase in the rating is in response to Greenpeace New Zealand on 14 October 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

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Greenpeace Claims 861,000+ Views

20 November

Greenpeace New Zealand has claimed its latest online video opposing offshore seismic surveying by the oil and gas industry has now racked up over 861,000 views on its Facebook page (see image below).

In claiming a success in the online campaign it has been waging against the oil and gas industry, Greenpeace said over the weekend in a Facebook post promoting the video, "We posted this video online as the world's biggest seismic blasting arrived in NZ to begin oil exploration. It went viral and has now been viewed 800,000 times."

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



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Greenpeace Changes Website

Masthead

20 November

A clear indication of Greenpeace New Zealand's campaign priorities can always be found in the organisation's masthead on its website.

This space on the website is reserved for the organisation's top five campaign priorities and over this past week, Greenpeace has added its 'Stop Seismic Blasting' - 'Stop Statoil; Stop Chevron' campaign.

The masthead also allows Greenpeace to provide its supporters with a link to its campaign page where people can send a formatted letter of protest to the CEOs of both Statoil and Chevron. On 20 November, Greenpeace NZ claimed that the CEOs of both companies had now received its formatted letter 40,000 times each.

The letter states: *I demand that you immediately cease your joint seismic oil*

exploration currently underway in the waters of Aotearoa New Zealand.

As a New Zealander, I want to protect our beautiful coastlines, our pristine oceans and the communities and wildlife that depend on them. The world is facing a climate crisis and that the oil you want to find in our waters is oil that the world cannot afford to burn if we are to avoid catastrophic climate change. The deep sea oil drilling that both Statoil and Chevron want to do in our precious oceans bring risks that we are not willing to take. Our oceans are a place rich in wildlife: with dolphins, whales, penguins, albatross, seals and sealions – many of which are unique and rare.

These are just some of the many species with whom we share the unspoiled waters of our home. We have a deep connection with our ocean. It is where we fish for our food. Where we spend time with our families and how we make a living.

They are central to our way of life. For us, our clean seas and unpolluted coasts are a birthright and they are an inheritance for our children and grandchildren. They have a profound importance to us, so for the sake of our oceans, and for the future of our children and grandchildren, we are determined to ensure that deep sea oil drilling does not happen here.

New Zealand once stood against the world's biggest powers to keep our oceans nuclear free and, in so doing, defined ourselves as a clean and unspoiled nation. And as a nation that is unafraid to stand up against foreign governments and corporations. There is a growing global movement to keep fossil fuels in the ground and protect our world from the dangers of planetary climate chaos driven by your industry's refusal to accept the unequivocal science that tells us we must leave a third of known reserves of oil in the ground let alone search and burn new oil.

Just as local people successfully resisted the deep sea drilling plans of Petrobras, then Anadarko, and then Statoil in Northland, we will also peacefully resist deep sea oil drilling by Statoil and Chevron. I urge you in the strongest terms, to abandon ALL your plans to search and drill for oil in our oceans. You are not welcome here. We will resist you and defend our oceans and the world's climate.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/zb8ellu>



Taranaki District Plan Short on Protection

20 November

Two Taranaki issue motivated groups - Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) and Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) - have claimed the new South Taranaki District Plan offers not enough protection for people or the environment from such things as seismic surveys, particularly for those living in rural communities.

TEW's spokeswoman says in a statement released over the weekend, "There continues to be ongoing concerns with the rules for oil and gas. While setbacks will be considered on a case-by-case basis for new petroleum exploration and production activities, these only need to be managed so they do not pose significant residual risks to people, property and the environment. They should not be causing any risk to others.

"This is a dangerous industry with the potential to cause fatalities, injuries and damage to properties outside of their boundaries," she said.

"Setback distances for health and safety reasons proposed to existing facilities such as Kapuni have been removed. The only protection for people wanting to develop their properties near these facilities is noise insulation even though it is recognized there are potential serious adverse effects from hazardous substances beyond the boundaries of these facilities".

"Seismic surveys using explosives continue to be allowed in the rural areas

without resource consent, even though there have been several cases where undetonated explosives have been left in the ground, requiring ongoing monitoring as a result," she added.

A spokeswoman for CJT says that, "In terms of landfarming oil and gas waste Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has argued strongly against it, especially in the coastal environment. Yet Council has decided not to exclude these waste disposal facilities (including landfarming) from the Coastal Protection Area or any Outstanding Natural Feature/Landscape area, despite previously acknowledging severe land degradation from this activity."

"Clearance and damage to indigenous vegetation is also possible within the Coastal Protection Area. The National Coastal Policy Statement requires councils to restore and rehabilitate degraded coastal environments. However Council will allow further degradation, at a time when coastal hazards are escalating as a result of climate change and sea level rise."

CJT spokeswoman says the Environment Minister has just ruled out compensation packages for homeowners affected by climate change. She asks, "Who will bail them out when the coastline continues to degrade and eventually gives way to storm surge and erosion?"

Both groups say they are considering appealing the district plan.



Taranaki Energy
Watch

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Greenpeace Argues the Moral High Ground

19 November

Greenpeace NZ's lead climate and energy campaigner has published an opinion piece (not coincidentally) in the Taranaki Daily News tackling the often hurled criticism that Greenpeace supporters are hypocrites because

they use products resulting from the petrochemical industry.

She also in the opinion piece claims the moral high ground by saying Greenpeace is protesting against an industry that is threatening the very survival of us all and ending the use of fossil fuels simply boils down to making a moral choice. The implication being, that it is immoral to do otherwise.

The article is illustrated with a photograph taken from Greenpeace NZ's occupation of the drill ship 'Noble Discoverer' at Port Taranaki in 2012 (see below).

Her article is in response to another opinion piece in the Taranaki Daily News on 01 November, lambasting Greenpeace in an article entitled, "Fossil fuels are here to stay, despite Greenpeace protests." See: <http://tinyurl.com/h7xxdj3>

Greenpeace's lead climate campaigner says that New Zealand's current plan to stop global warming is to buy our way out and pass the problem to someone else. She claims "the latest science tells us we need to leave 80 per cent of the world's known remaining fossil fuel reserves in the ground if we are to avoid a complete climate catastrophe." Given that, she says it is therefore reckless not to advocate a shutdown of what she terms "the dirty energy industry."

Tackling the hypocrisy label often thrown at Greenpeace, she says people at Greenpeace do drive cars, and yes, do use petrol. Sometimes, she says they can't avoid using plastic. Or taking a plane somewhere. Or flicking on a coal-powered light switch.

However, while this might be ironic, she argues it is not hypocritical. She claims the prerequisite to hypocrisy is choice, and "right now we have no choice" being part of a world that she says is "completely and utterly reliant on a drug called fossil fuel."

She also says it is "ludicrous to say that anyone who uses dirty energy doesn't have the right to fight for something better."

The argument that the world is going to grind to a halt without fossil fuels is also ridiculous, she says. "What we're fighting for is commitment and investment in a speedy and just transition to clean energy so that we can say 'no' to fossil fuels because we have alternatives.

Unfortunately, she says the Government remains "wilfully ignorant of this

reality and is continuing to pump money into searching for more oil."

Referring now to Greenpeace's plans to disrupt the 2017 Petroleum Industry Conference, she says "Every year, they open more and more of our ocean to oil companies to drill. Every year they have a celebratory conference, where oil barons from around the world meet and talk about opportunities to exploit our land and sea."

And in terms of why Greenpeace will not cease its protest targeting of the oil and gas industry despite recent market depressions, she says, "It's the people who put the pressure on industry, on the government, and on bad ideologies to change the status quo."

It is an issue she claims is not one that can be solved by industry, but a moral issue that need to be fought for. For the full article see: <http://tinyurl.com/zc3urgh>



27,000+ Views for Anti-Industry Video

18 November

Another Greenpeace NZ Facebook video attacking the oil and gas industry has garnered more than 27,000 views since being posted on 18 November.

In the video, Greenpeace says, "Things are getting URGENT ... Yet the NZ Govt has invited big oil companies to explore for NEW OIL in our waters. Statoil and Chevron are about to begin seismic blasting in a search for oil

between Napier and Kaikoura."

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



2TK Views

West Coast Survey Not Forgotten

17 November

Meanwhile, as this image below indicated, activists have not forgotten about the operations of another seismic survey vessel on the west coast of the North Island (PGS Apollo).

A Facebook page admin for the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) posted the images along with an allegation that the vessel was operating outside the blasting zone that was specified in the vessel's Marine Mammal Impact Report.

Come in PGS Apollo ~ where the frack do you think you're going now?



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Allegation Ship Broke NZ Safety Laws

17 November

Greenpeace NZ - no doubt frustrated because it couldn't locate the vessel to protest against it - has asked for an investigation into the legality of the seismic surveying vessel 'Amazon Warrior' switching off its AIS tracking system.

Greenpeace had expected the vessel to berth at Wellington over the weekend of 12-13 November and dispatched three of its RHIBs and crew to Wellington to augment a blockade of the harbour by another issue motivated group, Oil Free Wellington.

Greenpeace's frustration with not being able to locate the ship through its own shipping monitoring service based on Waiheke Island, in the Hauraki Gulf, led the organisation on 16 November to make an appeal to its supporters to report any sightings of the vessel to them.

Greenpeace NZ's statement outlining its complaint reads:

Upon its arrival in New Zealand waters, the world's largest seismic surveying ship turned off transmission from its mandatory AIS safety device, including throughout the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit early on Monday morning and the subsequent tsunami threat.

The 125 metre long ship, owned by the world's biggest oilfield services company, Schlumberger, has not transmitted from its Automatic Identification System (AIS) for the past five days, except only once briefly on Monday. The ship is searching for oil off the East Coast on behalf of oil giants Statoil and Chevron.

Boats are required under maritime safety laws to have their AIS on in the interests of safety and to prevent dangerous at-sea events like collisions. Greenpeace's climate and energy campaigner, says the ship seems to have purposefully turned off its AIS in order to hide from people protesting against its activities in New Zealand.

A kayak flotilla, organised by Oil Free Wellington and supported by Greenpeace, took place on Sunday around the time the ship was due into port in Wellington.

It's reckless and dangerous that during a time when New Zealand has been hit by a terrible earthquake, this ship has taken the law into its own hands in order to hide from some peaceful protesters. It has sat out there somewhere between Napier and Kaikoura with its AIS safety system not transmitting its location throughout the earthquake, tsunami threats, and the huge storms that have been battering the lower North Island.

Visibility at sea is vital for safety and it's exactly at times like these that an AIS is so important. This ship must be held accountable to the law. It's crazy enough that in the teeth of a climate emergency, the John Key Government has invited the world's biggest oil surveying machine to come and search for the oil that scientists say we can't burn if we want a future for our families.

But now this ship is doing everything possible, including breaking the law, to actively avoid the New Zealand public who are saying it is not welcome in

their waters. To survey for oil, the ship will blast underwater sound waves from arrays that drag for kilometres behind it every eight seconds, all day and night, for months on end.

The boom of these sound waves reverberates throughout the ocean, and can have chronic impacts on whales and dolphins and potentially deafen whales. These marine creatures depend on their hearing to survive, whether it's for feeding and nursing young, or communicating with mates. The ship will be seismic blasting between Napier and Kaikoura, an area inhabited by thousands of whales and dolphins.

The boat's arrival in New Zealand coincided with two of the biggest local councils in the country, Auckland Council and Christchurch City Council, voting to oppose offshore oil prospecting, exploration and drilling.

An unprecedented alliance of Maori communities have also voiced opposition to deep water drilling on the East Coast. Almost 70 Maori hapū from Cape Runaway to Kaikoura have called on Statoil and Chevron to cease their operations and leave New Zealand.

Over 6,000 New Zealanders have signed on to the letter. And a video protesting seismic blasting posted on the Greenpeace New Zealand Facebook page has also struck a chord with the public, reaching 1.4 million people in just two days. It's now been shared 10,000 times and has amassed 3,500 comments since Tuesday.

Over 20,000 people have sent emails to the CEOs of Statoil and Chevron, demanding they stop oil exploration in New Zealand waters. It's clear that people do not want oil drilling in New Zealand.

It is an insult to democracy if the Government does not pay attention to the public, hapū and councils all over the country saying decisively that they will not stand for a climate-destroying oil agenda.

As well as risking our future, seismic testing and drilling pose direct threats to our beaches and marine life, both through the distress the sound blasts used in seismic testing cause creatures of the ocean and through the risk of a devastating oil spill on our beaches.



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New Group Opposed to Seismic Survey

16 November

A new anti-industry issue motivated online group has been formed as part of the campaign against the presence of the seismic survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior'.

The public Facebook group KARANGA2IKAROA has been formed by a Hicks Bay, North Island, East Coast activist and describes itself as a "Call to all of our indigenous sisters, daughters, mothers, aunts and grandmothers...to raise your voices up, raise our collective vibrations to heal the pain that is being experienced by Mother Earth...[since] the arrival of the Amazon Warrior to do seismic testing for deep sea oil ."

The page's admin says, "...We are in Wharekahika (Hicks Bay) on the East Cape of the North Island, where with our Te Whanau a Apanui relatives and thousands of supporters as well as Greenpeace successfully expelled Petrobras from our waters. We can do this again in Ikaroa - single voices linking together for a common cause greater than any of us, can succeed."

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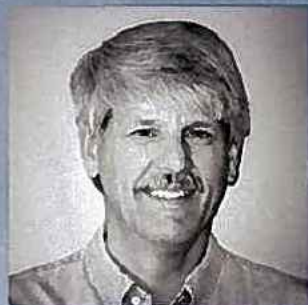
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Un-Welcome the NZ Petroleum Club

23 November

Overnight, the Issue Motivated Group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has announced a protest at tomorrow's Petroleum Club meeting at The New Plymouth Club.

Details of the protest are provided as follows:

"The New Zealand Petroleum Club (NZPC) is a forum for upstream oil and gas operators with operations in NZ... to discuss upcoming activity and share information for mutual benefit and the advancement of the industry. Bring banners and placards and your best chants to unwelcome them at the door as they arrive. These companies profit by dumping the costs of their dirty business on our planet and our future. Join us in telling them they are fossil fools if they think we're going to let them keep doing this! We want system change not climate change!"

The protest is scheduled between 1-2pm and has so far attracted 12 attendees with a further 18 interested in the event.

Organisers Freeman Media are being appraised of the situation and industry attendees at this meeting are advised to be extra vigilant and aware of possible approaches by protesters.



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**Protest RHIB Observed in New
Plymouth**

24 November

One of Greenpeace NZ's protest boats - a RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat)

has been observed parked in central New Plymouth today in Devon Street. The vessel and the rental utility vehicle towing it were parked opposite the TSB Showplace (the venue for the 2017 Petroleum Conference which Greenpeace NZ has vowed to disrupt).

While there were no markings on the vessel (or the rented Toyota ute towing it) to indicate a connection with Greenpeace NZ, Thompson+Clark are confident that it is identical with a single engine Gemini Waverider RHIB that Greenpeace NZ is known to have recently purchased. This RHIB was one of several used in a protest on Wellington Harbour on Sunday 13 November 2016 in support of the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington which was protesting at the operations of the seismic survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior'.

Today's identification was further confirmed by the sighting of an anti-deep sea oil sign in the back of the vehicle towing the RHIB.

Greenpeace NZ has made no public comment about the RHIB's presence in New Plymouth. The sighting of the RHIB coincides with a suspicious sighting at the Port of Taranaki today where a male person dressed in camo clothing ran off after being challenged by security guards who had observed him walking the perimeter of the port's security fence and taking photographs.

It is noted that the seismic survey vessel 'PGS Apollo' is approximately 130NM off shore at the moment, and it is, however, unusual for Greenpeace to mount a protest with just one vessel and to park the vessel so openly in the middle of the CBD.

However, clients with assets and operations in New Plymouth are urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious sightings to Thompson+Clark or in an emergency, the police.



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Greenpeace Visit to New Plymouth

25 November

It has emerged that the Greenpeace NZ protest vessel sighted in New Plymouth yesterday was associated with one of Greenpeace NZ's Auckland-based campaigners who was in the city to support a protest on Wednesday organised against the oil and gas industry by local issue motivated groups.

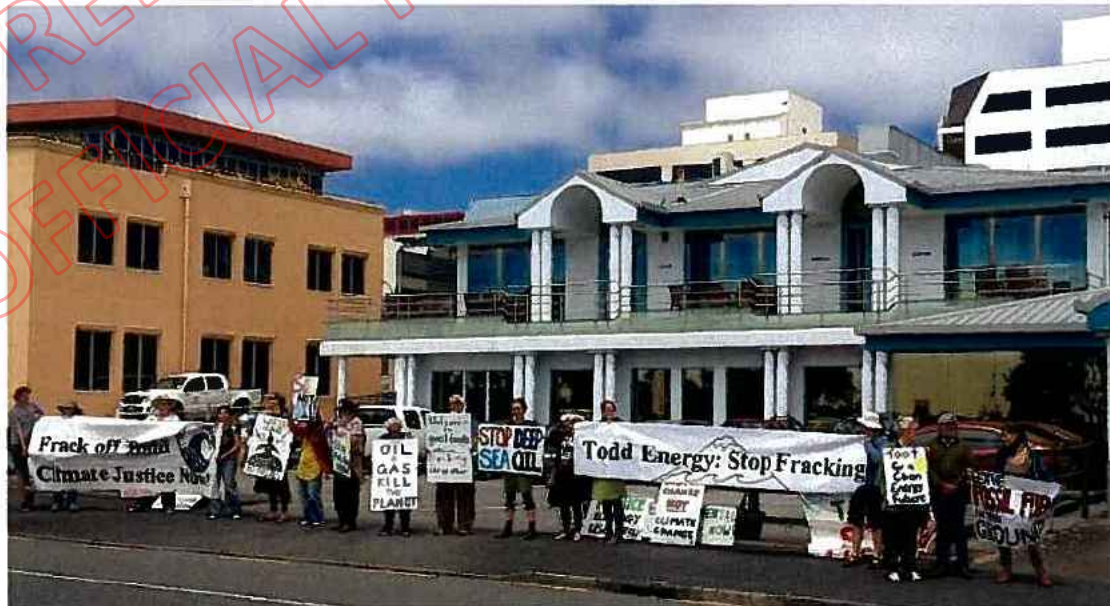
The vessel, a Gemini Waverider RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat), was observed parked with its towing vehicle in central New Plymouth opposite the TSB Showplace (the venue for the 2017 Petroleum Conference which Greenpeace NZ has vowed to disrupt).

While the Greenpeace campaigner has posted Twitter images of the protest (see image below) showing her presence at this event, it does not however explain why she needed to take a RHIB if this event was the only reason for her travel to New Plymouth.

On Wednesday, the local issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki protested outside a meeting of the New Zealand Petroleum Club (see further image below). Given that Greenpeace has vowed to protest against the 2017 Petroleum Conference to be held in New Plymouth, the presence of an out-of-town Greenpeace campaigner at Wednesday's protest is seen an indication of the prior planning Greenpeace is putting into organising next year's protests against the conference.

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Council Ponders Banning Drilling

25 November

Drilling for oil and gas in Hawke's Bay could be prohibited in certain areas, the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Regional Planning Committee has decided.

At its inaugural meeting earlier this month following the local body elections, the new regional council requested the committee consider proposing such a plan change to the Regional Resource Management Plan.

Although the committee could not decide to prohibit the activity at this week's meeting, it did move to progress a ban on oil and gas exploration within productive aquifers, aquifer recharge zones, and surface water bodies through a stand-alone plan change spanning the whole region.

This was not a total ban, but the committee's chairman said it was a, "step in the right direction, and a step many in our community have asked for".

As well as hearing opinions from councillors on the matter, the committee asked for views from Tangata Whenua group representatives.

Most spoke of their support for progressing a plan change, citing issues around environmental protection, oil being a 'sunset industry' anyway, and the impact a spill could have on the region's waterways.

After being presented with three options, the committee voted to progress on a stand-alone plan change. A report commissioned by the committee advises that preparation of this process would require significant resources the council did not have the staff resources to carry out, meaning most of the work would need to be

contracted out.

Although this option could be quicker, it was likely to be more costly. Aside from engaging a contractor, the process was estimated to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000 for legal and technical advice, consultation, analysing submissions, and public hearings. Only two councillors voted against the motion.

The committee had been presented with three options for progressing with a plan change - this was the only available course of action, because a moratorium, or temporary prohibition could not be created under the Resource Management Act.

These were to progress through the TANK plan change for TANK catchments, then other catchment-based plan changes as developed, or to progress a region-wide prohibition alongside the TANK plan change, meaning "timelines are run in parallel, but content is mutually independent".



IMG Calls for Maari Investigation

25 November

Following the sudden shut down this week of the Maari oil platform after discovery of a crack was found on its wellhead platform, the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki says an independent investigation is "critical" to determine the cause and extent of damage on the platform and to assess the risks of aging oil and gas installations failing.

Wild weather and heightened earthquake risk prompted evacuation of staff off the Maari oil platform when a crack was discovered during a scheduled underwater

check.

The damage is believed to have been caused by fatigue and combined action of wind and wave. It is also possible the crack may have been caused by the 7.8 earthquake that hit the country last week.

CJT's press statement says, "Over the last decade, drilling for oil and gas has intensified drastically, with more and more wells being drilled, many side-tracked from old wells, some kilometres long, most have been fracked, water-flooded or injected with waste. With greater intensity comes greater risks, especially as such infrastructure ages and climate disruption escalates.

"Alarming, industry figures show that over half of all wells fail in 20 years. The original OMV Maari wells are nearing 20 years old, those under the STOS Maui platform were drilled over 30 years old while some of the Kapuni onshore wells are 40 plus years old.

"In 1995, the McKee-13 well at Tikorangi blew out, contaminated the Mangahewa Stream with oil and drilling mud. In 2009, the regional council was informed that two Cheal producing wells had been leaking underground for two years. Several offshore oil spills have occurred in recent years, including at least three from the Maari operations. Some might argue these are minor incidents, but the chance of a catastrophe happening is increasing," claims the statement from CJT.

Greenpeace Comments

Commenting on the evacuations, Greenpeace NZ said in a short statement, "They're saying that 'the issue is that we have bad weather approaching this weekend, and New Zealand also has a heightened earthquake risk, so we are taking a precautionary approach' ... NZ often has bad weather approaching and will always be in a seismically active area. The Government should take a precautionary approach and stop all new oil exploration now."



Petition Tops 10,000 Signatures

25 November

An online petition on the Greenpeace NZ hosted petition website 'Toko' calling on Chevron and Statoil to withdraw from their North Island exploration permits has topped well over 10,000 signatures of the 15,000 it aims to collect.

Although posted on the Greenpeace free hosted website, the petition is in fact being driven by the East Coast issue motivated group.

**To: Tord Lien, Minister of Petroleum and Energy
Parliament of Norway**

**Withdraw Statoil from our
waters without delay**

Campaign created by
Te Ikaroa Defending Our Waters



We demand that you do all in your powers as major shareholders in Statoil to

10,479 of 15,000 signatures

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SIGN

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Council Considers 2017 Block Offer

25 November

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council's Planning Committee has discussed the council's submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, on the Block Offer 2017 process.

This is a process through which the Government seeks to attract companies for petroleum exploration in designated blocks around the country - including offshore of Hawke's Bay.

HBRC requested a proposed block, which included acreage inside the council's jurisdiction, be excluded from the block offer. In previous years, the council made submissions relating to the exclusion of the region's productive aquifers.

Meanwhile some councils such as those in Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin have already announced their opposition to the Block Offer.

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Petroleum Club Protest

23 November

With support from a Greenpeace campaigner sent down from Auckland to assist, the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) held a peaceful protest in New Plymouth when the NZ Petroleum Club met in the city on Wednesday.

The protest attracted about 20 people. CJT posted photographs of the protest on its Facebook page with the message, "NZ Petroleum Club, letting them know that they have no social licence for oil and gas extraction. Really uplifting to see how many of the general public tooted their support. Woohoo!"



East Coast Protest Hui Held

23 November

The Gisborne community group Kai Pa Kaiti held a hui to raise awareness around the oil and gas industry and to discuss strategies moving forward for those in the community who oppose oil and gas exploration.

Those attending the hui were told a prospecting permit has been granted for waters within an area the East Coast shares with the Wairarapa region.

One of the organisers told the meeting that, "There's no guarantee that Statoil won't end up along this end of the echelon, the question is that right now the Tairāwhiti is dealing with a prospecting permit."

An outcome of the hui was to form a petition opposing exploration ready to be submitted to the Norwegian Government and Chevron.

For the issue motivated group Te Ikaroa-Defending Our Waters, a spokesperson said the petition will "call upon the companies to halt their activity, to do all in their power as major shareholders of Statoil to halt their activities along the East Coast, and that the current activity is non-consensual."

The Tairāwhiti Māori Council CEO is quoted as saying, "They aren't concerned about the well-being of people, they are only concerned about the money that will fill their pockets."

MPs also attended last night's hui including Māori Paroty co-leader Marama Fox, Green MP Marama Davidson and Labour MP Meka Whaitiri.

Whaitiri says, "How do we resource when permits are coming out and also just look at ways how we can help those that are on the local ground that are raising awareness to this issue."

Submissions for the prospecting permits on the East Coast closed on November 25.



Climate Change Speaking Tour

24 November-07 December

Professor Guy McPherson is returning to New Zealand to reprise his 2014 speaking tour with updates on what he says is the state of our rapidly unraveling biosphere. Professor McPherson is an American scientist, professor emeritus of natural resources and ecology, and evolutionary biology at the University of Arizona. He is best known for promoting the idea of 'Near Term Extinction' (NTE), a term he coined about the possibility of human extinction as soon as 2030. This is a free

lecture tour of the North Island (see poster below for times and venues).

Professor Guy McPherson's 2016 New Zealand Abrupt Climate Change Tour

24 November - 7 December 2016



"If you really think the environment is less important than the economy, try holding your breath while you count your money."

~ Dr Guy McPherson

Public Event Tour Dates

6:00pm, 25.11.16 Kauri Room, Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, **Kaitia**
1:30pm, 26.11.16 In Step Dance Studio, 42 Reyburn House Lane, **Whangarei**
3:00pm, 27.11.16 Gold Lecture Theatre, Unitec Campus, Pt. Chevalier, **Auckland**
6:00pm, 28.11.16 Events Room 1, Bill Gallagher Centre, Wintec, **Hamilton**
6:00pm, 1.12.16 Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, **Whanganui**
3:00pm, 3.12.16 Renwick Anglican Church Hall, 54 High Street, Renwick, **Marlborough**
6:00pm, 5.12.16 Stop Out Soccer Club, Hutt Park, Gracefield, **Lower Hutt**
6:00pm, 6.12.16 Victoria Law School, Government Building Lecture Theatre 1, **Wellington**

Professor McPherson is an internationally renowned conservation biologist. During his Nationwide Tour of New Zealand he will be interviewed on television and radio and be giving free public lectures about the latest findings of the scientific community and from his own research. To learn more about Professor McPherson's work check out his blog Nature Bats Last at his website <http://guymcpherson.com/>

Dr Guy McPherson is Professor Emeritus of Conservation Biology at the University of Arizona where he taught for 20 years.

For more information about the tour see: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1144896312219485/>

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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East Coast Petition Hits 11,000

03 December

A Greenpeace-backed petition by the East Coast, North Island issue motivated group Te Ikaroa demanding oil companies Statoil, Chevron, and OMV New Zealand abandoned their exploration permits along the eastern seaboard has now reached 11,387 signatures.

The petition which is being hosted on the Greenpeace online petition website www.toko.org.nz is open to anyone and so the signatories are not necessarily all from individuals living on the eastern seaboard, or even resident in New Zealand.

It lists 75 hapu and iwi groups that say they support the oil companies ceasing all exploration activities and abandoning their permits. It is addressed to the Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy.

See: www.toko.org.nz/petitions/norway-statoil-is-not-welcome-in-our-waters.

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Commentary on OMV's Nikau 3D Survey

03 December

The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki has commented this weekend on the operations of the seismic survey vessel 'PGS Apollo'.

Posting to one of the group's two Facebook pages ('Stop the Drilling in Taranaki') one of the group's six Facebook admins submitted the two images below with the following commentary (note the use of the emotive term 'seismic blasting ship' and allegation the vessel has been "terrorizing" marine mammals):

"The seismic blasting ship PGS Apollo has arrived in the North Taranaki Bight to undertake a seismic survey on behalf of Austrian oil giant OMV. The ship will be firing seismic blasts into the seabed every 8 seconds, 24 hours a day, every day for the next month, over the OMV 'Nikau' Permit (57075) covering 1365.124 SQKM of our coast.

"The OMV permit borders the Marine Mammal Sanctuary set up by the government to protect critically endangered Maui Dolphins, whales and other marine life along the Taranaki coast.

"The PGS Apollo is operated by PGS Australia, a subsidiary of Norwegian company Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS), who have an oil and gas Prospecting Permit (60102) over 108097.091 SQKM of West Coast waters. The ship has been terrorizing marine mammals away from their habitat in the South Taranaki, Kapiti Coast and Farewell Spit areas where it was blasting from October and where it regularly carried out survey blasting outside the perimeters specified in the OMV Marine Mammal Impact

Assessment Report.

"Seismic blasts kill and injure whales and dolphins as well as having a negative impact on other marine life. In Tasmania researchers found that seismic blasting for oil and gas caused the loss of entire scallop beds and destroyed the scallop industry.

"The PGS Apollo is owned by Norwegian seismic survey specialists Petroleum Geo-Services (PGS).

"The OMV 'Nikau' permit covers 1365.124sqkm and adjoins two other exploration permits owned by Austrian oil giant OMV in the North Taranaki Bight, giving the company exploration rights over an area of 5864.792sqkm in North Taranaki. OMV has been operating in Aotearoa New Zealand since 1999 and has other exploration permits, jointly owned as well as a mining permit in the South Taranaki Bight."



Iwi Rejects East Coast Exploration

02 December

The East Coast's largest iwi authority has backed a petition by the local issue motivated group Te Ikaroa demanding Statoil withdraw from deep water prospecting for oil and gas off the East Coast of the North Island.

Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou (TRONPnui) says that it endorses East Coast anti-seismic surveying group Te Ikaroa's petition, which has over 11,000 signatures and the support of more than 70 hapu and iwi from around New Zealand.

Statoil, majority-owned by the Norwegian government, shares three exploration blocks offshore on the East Coast with other operators Chevron and OMV New Zealand. The blocks cover an area of roughly 25,000 square kilometres extending offshore from Napier to Kaikoura.

TRONPnui's chairman Selwyn Parata is reported as saying Ngati Porou shares the aspirations of the 2015 Paris Agreement to commit to a decrease in global warming and a reduction in the use of fossil fuels, and is opposed to Schlumberger holding a prospecting permit for an area of 64,000 sq km offshore from the East Coast. This permit allows the company to collect data, which it might sell to exploration permit holders in the area, Statoil, Chevron and OMV New Zealand.

Schlumberger's surveying vessel the 'Amazon Warrior' is off the East Coast in preparation for surveying this summer.

TRONPnui's Chief Executive Herewini Te Koha is quoted by the Gisborne Herald as saying that while the iwi understands such vessels must have two independent marine mammal observers and two passive acoustic monitors on board at all times, not enough is known of the effects of seismic testing on the spawning cycle of marine life, or long-term impact of prospecting methods on customary or commercial fisheries.

Last year, TRONPnui also opposed the Government's oil and gas exploration block offer for the East Coast; supporting the Gisborne District Council's stance on the issue.



Gisborne Council Opposes Offshore Oil

02 December

The Gisborne District Council is the latest local body to affirm its opposition to oil and gas exploration by opposing inclusion of areas off the East Coast in the 2017 Block Offer.

During a full meeting of the council on 02 December a motion put forward by councillors Josh Wharehinga and Amber Dunn requested the council reaffirm last year's decision to oppose the inclusion of the Pegasus and East Coast Basins in the Government's 2016 Oil and Gas Exploration Block Offer.

The motion was moved in a matter of seconds with no opposition or discussion.

In last year's decision the Council reasoned that "the economic benefits of oil exploration to the region do not appear to outweigh the environmental risks".

A submission will now be made by the council to the Government requesting the East Coast and Pegasus Basins be left out of the 2017 Block Offer.

The Government has increased the East Coast area in its oil and gas exploration block offer from 68,661 square kilometres last year to 75,180 sq km this year. The area goes up the coastline, from just south of Napier to near Ruatoria.

The council has no role in awarding permits so the submission against the block offer is largely symbolic.

A council report on the issue, however, says the council may be required to process resource consent applications within the 12-mile limit of its jurisdiction, should the offer proceed and tenders be awarded.

While the council - along with Te Runanganui o Ngati Porou, several district and regional councils, Maori trusts and iwi authorities - made a similar submission last year, the Government went ahead with the original Block Offer 2016 without any changes.

The council joins several other local authorities around the country that have opposed oil and gas exploration in their regions, including the Dunedin City Council, the Christchurch City Council, which also reaffirmed its opposition from last year, and the Auckland Council, which opposed it for the first time this year.

The submissions process has closed and the final decision on the area to be released rests with Energy and Resources Minister. The area will be announced in March next year and awards for successful bids are expected to be made in December 2017.



Bank Fossil Fuel Campaign Kicks Off

02 December

After unsuccessfully telling the ANZ and Westpac Banks they had six months to divest from doing any business with fossil fuel companies, the climate group 350 Aotearoa held a protest outside the Queen Street branch of the ANZ Bank in Auckland to announce their members and supporters will be closing their accounts and switching to other banks.

Unsurprisingly the banks have maintained a low profile in response to 350 Aotearoa's notice, so a number of the group's activists approached staff at the Queen Street ANZ branch to serve copies of notices that they would be closing their accounts because "the time was up."

In Dunedin, 350 Aotearoa was supported by members of Oil Free Otago to deliver the message to banks there.



Greenpeace's Political Watermelon

01 December

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland-based Climate Campaigner who is leading the organisation's campaign against offshore exploration along the North Island eastern seaboard by the seismic survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior' showed he was just 'red' as he is 'green' when he asked his 7,000+ Facebook friends and followers what it took for people to be motivated to take action.

His own response he said was, "I chose to take action where I live and can have the most effect. I've chosen to attempt to go the heart of the beast, fossil fuels, and fight the global capitalist war mongering oil industry in their most hard to reach frontier, the deep oceans off our coastline."



WOMAD Draws Activist Ire

27 November

The issue motivated group Frack Free Taranaki has posted this poster on Facebook attacking Shell New Zealand and Todd Energy for their sponsorship and connections with the annual NZ WOMAD Festival which attracts more than 16,000 people each year.

The poster attacks Shell NZ even though it is not a sponsor any longer of the festival by accusing it of conducting a 'Zero Waste' campaign at the festival while "refusing to clean up their very serious spills in the Niger Delta." It attacks Todd by accusing the company of being he "Biggest fracker in New Zealand.

A spokeswoman for Frack Free Taranaki asked the group's supporters to "Share to ensure artists thinking of performing here are forewarned as to who's tune they will dance to at WOMAD NZ 2017."

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Although  have slipped off the WOMAD logo, they plan to continue a farcical "zero waste" campaign at this festival while refusing to clean up their very serious oil spills in the Niger Delta.

 Todd Energy partners Shell and WOMAD and independently is the biggest fracker in Aotearoa/NZ.

If you support indigenous rights, a frack free world and oil free WOMAD join [Frack Free Taranaki](#)

Greenpeace Appeals for Ship Sightings

26 November

Greenpeace New Zealand made an appeal via Facebook for sightings of the survey

vessels 'Amazon Warrior' and 'PGS Apollo' and any of the vessels' support ships.

In a post that received almost 700 likes, Greenpeace said:

"This map shows the seismic blasting oil exploration operations underway off the East Coast for Statoil and Chevron, as well as another one off the North Western tip of the South Island by PGS, an Australian company.

"Neither should be happening. Seismic testing is harmful to whales and dolphins, drilling for oil in these deep waters would risk devastating oil spills, and...climate change! We are staring into the teeth of a climate catastrophe and science tells us we can't even burn all of the known oil reserves, let alone new ones.

"One of the supply vessels is in Wellington right now, and another may be on its way. If anyone is flying over or is out there in a boat, we'd really like to get photos."



Climate Change Speaking Tour

24 November-07 December

Professor Guy McPherson is returning to New Zealand to reprise his 2014 speaking

tour with updates on what he says is the state of our rapidly unraveling biosphere. Professor McPherson is an American scientist, professor emeritus of natural resources and ecology, and evolutionary biology at the University of Arizona. He is best known for promoting the idea of 'Near Term Extinction' (NTE), a term he coined about the possibility of human extinction as soon as 2030. This is a free lecture tour of the North Island (see poster below for times and venues).

Professor Guy McPherson's 2016 New Zealand Abrupt Climate Change Tour 24 November - 7 December 2016



"If you really think the environment is less important than the economy, try holding your breath while you count your money."

— Dr Guy McPherson

Public Event Tour Dates

6:00pm, 25.11.16 Kauri Room, Far North REAP, Puckey Ave, **Kaitiaki**
 1:30pm, 26.11.16 In Step Dance Studio, 42 Reyburn House Lane, **Whangarei**
 3:00pm, 27.11.16 Gold Lecture Theatre, Unitec Campus, Pt. Chevalier, **Auckland**
 6:00pm, 28.11.16 Events Room 1, Bill Gallagher Centre, Wintec, **Hamilton**
 6:00pm, 1.12.16 Davis Lecture Theatre, Whanganui Regional Museum, **Whanganui**
 3:00pm, 3.12.16 Renwick Anglican Church Hall, 54 High Street, Renwick, **Marlborough**
 6:00pm, 5.12.16 Stop Out Soccer Club, Hutt Park, Gracefield, **Lower Hutt**
 6:00pm, 6.12.16 Victoria Law School, Government Building Lecture Theatre 1, **Wellington**

Professor McPherson is an internationally renowned conservation biologist. During his Nationwide Tour of New Zealand he will be interviewed on television and radio and be giving free public lectures about the latest findings of the scientific community and from his own research. To learn more about Professor McPherson's work check out his blog Nature Bats Last at his website <http://guymcpherson.com/>

Dr Guy McPherson is Professor Emeritus of Conservation Biology at the University of Arizona where he taught for 20 years.

For more information about the tour see: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1144896312219485/>

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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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 **LOW** (Code Green) for onshore operations, and **MODERATE** (Code Blue) for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry related operations, particularly when in port. On the east coast of the North Island where there is both local and national opposition to current seismic surveying operations, the threat level is assessed as **ELEVATED** (Code Yellow) requiring a heightened response for offshore operations.

This rating is in response to Greenpeace New Zealand on 14 October 2016 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 and its current focus on opposition to seismic surveying operations. Please refer to the explanation of Thompson+Clark's Threat Methodology at the end of this SitRep.

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Greenpeace Campaigner to get Busy

13 December

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland Climate Campaigner who has also been leading the organisation's protest campaign against seismic surveying off the east coast of the North Island, says he expects to be busy protesting over the Christmas-New Year period.

In reply to a post on his personal Facebook page asking if he would be working over the Christmas period, he said in reply, "Yes unfortunately this is when the bag guys arrive so its busier than ever :(But time is short so we don't have time to muck around I guess."



Current Location of Greenpeace Ships

13 December

The current known locations of Greenpeace International's three ocean-going campaign vessels is:

Arctic Sunrise

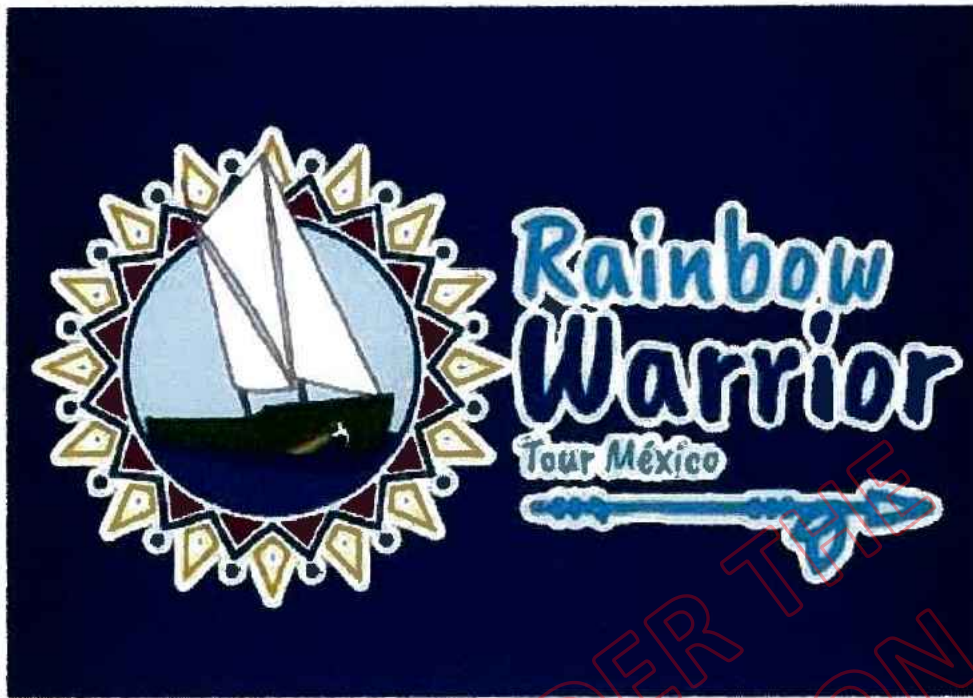
Greenpeace's icebreaker, the 949 tonne Arctic Sunrise is tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzil in north-east Holland where it has been undergoing a major refit since early November. The internal structure of the vessel has been completely stripped and she is expected to be inoperative for several months.

Esperanza

Greenpeace's largest campaign vessel, the 2067 tonne former Russian naval fire-fighting ship the Esperanza, has put to sea this week after a period in dock undergoing maintenance and was last recorded in the English Channel making a speed of 7.3kn heading for the Portuguese port of Ponta Delgada in the North Atlantic Ocean. Greenpeace has not said what the vessel's current mission is except that it will be announcing shortly details of a new campaign the vessel will be engaged in, and has shown video footage of the crew practicing non-violent direct action protest techniques.

Rainbow Warrior

Greenpeace's flagship, the 855 tonne hi-tech sailing vessel the Rainbow Warrior III, is currently off the Mexican island of Cozumel in the Caribbean Sea near the eastern coast of Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, after a sea voyage of 24 days. Greenpeace has said the vessel will be doing a tour of Mexico promoting biodiversity until 30 December.



East Coast Petition Almost at 13,000

13 December

A Greenpeace-backed petition by the East Coast, North Island issue motivated group Te Ikaroa demanding oil companies Statoil, Chevron, and OMV New Zealand abandoned their exploration permits off the east coast of the North Island has almost reached 13,000 signatures.

As at 13 December, 12,861 people had signed the petition, which aims to collect at least 15,000 signatures.

The petition which is being hosted on the Greenpeace online petition website www.toko.org.nz is open to anyone and so the signatories are not necessarily all from individuals living on the east coast, or even resident in New Zealand.

It lists 75 hapu and iwi groups that say they support the oil companies ceasing all exploration activities and abandoning their permits. It is addressed to the Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy.

See: www.toko.org.nz/petitions/norway-statoil-is-not-welcome-in-our-waters.

To: Tord Lien, Minister of Petroleum and Energy
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12,861 of 16,000 signatures

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Greenpeace Labels Ship a 'Beast'

12 December

Greenpeace New Zealand has labelled the seismic surveying vessel the 'Amazon Warrior' a "beast" in the second of two new videos it has published on YouTube.

Emotively entitled "Hunting the Beast", the one minute, nine second video accuses the vessel of "tormenting whales and dolphins with blasts equivalent to underwater volcanic eruptions".

It also attempts to make comparisons between the vessel's activity with the Deepwater Horizon Disaster, stating that the vessel is searching for undersea oil deposits 3km deep and twice the depth of the Deepwater Horizon rig was drilling when it exploded in April 2010. The video ends with the catch phrase "Bugger Off Beast".

It has todate only been viewed, however, 100 times on YouTube, and can be viewed here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CahiVqpsIJE

#BuggerOffBeast



Hunting the Beast



100 views

Frack Free Update on Todd Protests

12 December

The issue motivated group 'Frack Free Kapiti' has provided its members and supporters with the following update of its activities and protest.

The group says, "The push to stop the Todds fracking NZ continues and Frack Free Kapiti has been hard at work doing the following:

- Producing the leaflet '10 Reasons to Insist Todd Energy Stop Fracking NZ'.
- Distributing leaflets; erecting a large sign at Raumati Beach to 'Tell the Todds to Stop Fracking NZ'.
- Attended the ECO conference in Auckland.
- Organized and/or presented info at Stop Fracking NZ workshops, meetings and hui in Wellington, Palmerston North, and Whanganui.
- Attended protests in Wellington, Palmerston North, and New Plymouth calling for the Todds to stop fracking NZ and to stop building (fracked) gas fired power plants. They plan to build two more plants in the near future.
- The Frack Free movement works on the basis of 'not here, not anywhere'. We do not want fracking in our own backyard and for the same reasons believe it needs to be banned outright. Until just recently, we have been one

of the very few voices from outside, to have joined those within Taranaki calling for fracking to stop and a halt to oil and gas expansion in and around Taranaki.

- As Climate Change has moved up the national agenda, so has the knowledge that we have our very own dirty fossil fuel industry right here-in addition to coal. The oil and gas industry has spread near all over Taranaki and continues to spread over land and through seas, with the social and financial support of our Government.
- WOMAD is the oil industries entree to their annual petroleum conference next March. Conference delegates are being offered discounted tickets to the festival and free VIP upgrades.
- The Petroleum Conference 21-23 March 2017, is where among other things, the Minister of Energy offers up sections of NZ to the oil industry via the 'Block Offer' system. Having experienced some embarrassing and disruptive opposition in Wellington and Auckland the conference organizers are trying their luck in New Plymouth. Reserve these dates and plan a trip with family and friends to Taranaki. It is the perfect time to stand up for environment, climate and a brighter future."

Frack Free Kapiti also reported on a 'Climate Justice Get Together' in Whanganui with the head of Frack Free Kapiti giving a presentation on hydraulic fracturing in Taranaki (see image below).

It has posted social media commentary about this meeting saying, "Awareness and action were the key topics for the day to address the dark side of the fossil fuel industry which has an never ending hunger to pillage our moana, whenua and waterways for power and control.

"Climate Justice is Social Justice which means the system that we have all been indoctrinated into must change. Mass organisation of small acts can make a change to ensuring preparedness and resilience throughout tough times as well as empowering people to make a stand against corrupt self serving entities."



Greenpeace Threatens Protest at Sea

11 December

On 11 December Greenpeace New Zealand published video footage on Youtube it shot from a helicopter of the seismic survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior' 120 nautical miles off the Wairarapa Coast.

Greenpeace said in a statement that its aerial reconnaissance of the vessel was, "The first stage of the organisation's surveillance and monitoring of the ship, which will be searching for oil on behalf of Chevron and Statoil for the next several months."

The statement from Greenpeace NZ also said, "It's a complete betrayal that our Government has invited this climate-wrecking beast to roam our unique coastlines. This is a willful attempt to threaten the future of our children and grandchildren all in

the name of short term profit for a select few."

Greenpeace added that it had been forced to make the 120 nautical miles trip to find the ship because, "It seems to have been avoiding coming into port where it could face protest. This includes illegally switching off its mandatory AIS tracking safety device for days on end, throughout the 7.8 earthquake and tsunami threat, and having people and supplies delivered to it by boat and helicopter."

In a message that hinted that Greenpeace was not shy at the thought of protest at sea despite the Government's legislation limiting such action, Greenpeace said, "This oil exploration machine may think it can avoid making land in New Zealand, and do its dirty business out of sight and out of mind, but we want them to know it's not safe from protest out on the ocean either. The Amazon Warrior can run but it can't hide - we have it in our sights."

Greenpeace has said that it plans to step up protest action in the weeks ahead.

This, one of two YouTube videos Greenpeace has posted about the vessel this past week, can be viewed here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQRYcIkYFCU.



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Greenpeace Asks for a \$15K War Chest

10 December

Greenpeace New Zealand is appealing to its supporters to help it build a \$15,000 'war chest' to help it protest against the oil and gas industry this summer.

The appeal (sent out last week to Greenpeace New Zealand supporters) has already netted the organisation \$9,690 of the money it says it needs to provision its teams of activists in RHIBs (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats).

Greenpeace has told its supporters that, "Our inflatable boats have been at the forefront of some of our most historic actions. They might not be our biggest boats but they are often our most effective tools at sea, getting up close in a way our ships can't.

"This summer, off the East Coast of New Zealand, we are facing the threat of deep sea oil drilling. Oil giants Statoil and Chevron have already begun seismic blasting in these waters. Seismic blasting threatens ocean life, like whales and dolphins; drilling would put our precious ocean, coastal communities and beaches at risk from spills.

"On top of this, we are already facing a climate emergency. We cannot afford to burn any oil that might be found, if we want a future for our children and grandchildren. That's why we're taking action against oil, and why your support is so important. We're calling for a summer of action to drive big oil out of NZ waters for

good."

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We rely on donations like yours for our ships, inflatables, and all the gear we need to take action. Together, we can confront environmental destruction, threats to wildlife and the devastating impacts of climate change.

GP Celebrates Permit Surrender

09 December

Unsurprisingly, Greenpeace New Zealand has celebrated news that Anadarko Petroleum has surrendered its exploration permit for the Pegasus Basin with a poster featuring crew members of the 'Oil Free Seas Flotilla' it launched to protest against the company's exploration activities in November 2013 (see image below).

In response to Anadarko's announcement, Greenpeace claimed this was evidence of the "Government's oil drilling agenda failing."

Greenpeace said in a statement, "Anadarko has been the focus of years of protest by thousands of New Zealanders, Greenpeace, anti-oil groups and iwi.

"The move comes hot on the heels of Norwegian petroleum company, Statoil, announcing the withdrawal of 90 percent of its New Zealand assets following massive local opposition.

"We're winning, but we have to keep the pressure on! Statoil and Chevron are now exploring for oil between Napier and Kaikoura using the world's largest seismic blasting ship.

"Our message to the Government and the oil industry is this: The ocean isn't as big as it may seem. We will show New Zealanders exactly how you are blasting our

marine environment and causing distress to our unique whales and dolphins - all in the name of climate-wrecking oil - and we will peacefully resist you until you leave our waters."



Acquitted of Stealing Survey Pegs

09 December

A botched attempt at defending themselves and a lawyer's refusal to represent them has assisted two Hawera protesters beat a conviction for ripping up and stealing seismic survey pegs on 14 December last year belonging to Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS).

A District Court judge found two women not guilty, saying the "muddled" way in which they tried to defend themselves in court contributed to his decision to let them off. The women had no legal representation because their assigned lawyer had successfully sought the leave of the court to withdraw from the case after difficulties communicating with her clients and saying she could no longer represent them because of the difficulties experienced by their behaviour.

After hearing evidence from several police witnesses and the two women, District Court Judge Sygrove said he was not convinced beyond reasonable doubt that they were guilty, citing "the muddled way in which the defendants have conducted their

defence" as one factor in his decision.

The judge said it had been a difficult case to hear as a judge, and a difficult case for lay people to defend without a lawyer's expertise. In order to be convicted, he had to be satisfied that they had taken the pegs without the owner's consent, they did so dishonestly, they had no claim of right to do so, and they intended to deprive the owner of them permanently.

The judge said it was clear that neither women actually took the pegs, but they had children who took it, and took them to their car. He said, "Without claim of right is what troubles me. It may be that they had a belief based on ignorance not a fact of law that they were entitled to remove those items from that area. Was their intent to deprive the owner of the property marker pegs permanently or did they set out to inconvenience the owner of the land so removed the survey pegs and simply put them in the rubbish bin?"

The hearing took up much of the day and the judge remanded the other charges faced by one of the women to be heard on 08 February.

The woman has also denied charges of another count of theft of seismic survey pegs on a different occasion, and of trespass and behaving threateningly.

The judge ordered that a lawyer be appointed for the woman to act as amicus curiae - to assist her with the proceedings, but not to be under her instruction to avoid the problems experienced by the last lawyer who found it impossible to deal with the women.

At a previous appearance on 01 March by the two women, the court was disrupted by a protest which disintegrated into a fight outside the court between police and some of the protesters. Five people were arrested as a result of the fracas and faced separate charges (see image below).



Wellington Statoil & Chevron Protest

14 December 2017

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington will be holding a protest in Midland Park, opposite Statoil's Wellington offices on 14 December to protest against the presence of it, Chevron and other oil companies operating in New Zealand.

In a Facebook events' page set up to promote the protest, Oil Free Wellington says, "Any day now, the government will grant permits to allow even more prospecting for oil and gas.

"These permits are allowing companies like Chevron and Statoil to engage in seismic surveying off our coast right now. We know it's time to leave oil, gas and coal in the ground if we want to avoid catastrophic climate change and protect our environment. Communities all over the world are standing up to fossil fuel projects. They know the root causes of the social and environmental rises we face lie in an

unjust economic and social system. They are part of the genuine change that is needed.

"Join Oil Free Wellington at Midland Park, outside Statoil's Wellington office, for chants and speakers. Let's oppose fossil fuel business as usual and show our determination to achieve a just future and a stable climate. Sign the banner to show Chevron and Statoil just how unwelcome they are, and show the government we won't stand for more prospecting permits."

So far, 18 people have said on the page that they will be attending this protest.



Protest Banner Making Session

15 December 2017

The East Coast issue motivated group Tū Mai Mo Ngā Wai (Protecting Our Waters) is holding an all day community protest banner making event at the Civic Square in Hastings as part of its protest against the operations of the survey vessel, 'Amazon Warrior'.

The group says it hopes to put the signs up around Hastings afterwards. A Facebook events page for this event suggests that at least 12 people may attend.



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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 **LOW** (Code Green) for onshore operations, and **MODERATE** (Code Blue) for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry-related operations, particularly when in port.

On the east coast of the North Island where there is both local and national opposition to current offshore seismic surveying operations, the threat level is assessed as being **ELEVATED** (Code Yellow) requiring a heightened response for offshore operations.

This rating is in response to Greenpeace New Zealand on 14 October 2016 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 and its current focus on opposition to seismic surveying operations. For further information about the threat assessment response, please refer to the explanation of Thompson+Clark's Risk Assessment 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 in line with Thompson+Clark's code of ethics.

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Greenpeace 'War Chest' Exceeds \$35K

20 December

Greenpeace New Zealand says it has already raised in a few weeks more than \$35,000 to fund protests it plans to mount against seismic survey vessels operating in New Zealand waters over the summer.

Greenpeace now says it hopes to raise \$40,000 to fund planned protests against the oil and gas industry here.

Previously, Greenpeace was asking for just \$15,000 to fund this campaign, but after it quickly exceeded this amount by \$10,000, raised the target figure to \$40,000.

It is thought Greenpeace is raising the money to fund protest by its small fleet of high-speed RHIBS (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats). It also thought the most likely means to launch the RHIBs will be from a large ocean-going ketch - of which Greenpeace NZ has access to several owned by supporters of the organisation.

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Hunting for Hvaler
Posted by Greenpeace NZ
1,301 Views

The world's biggest seismic blasting ship is in New Zealand waters RIGHT NOW, to search for oil between Kaitiaki and Napier. Seismic blasting is dangerous for whales and dolphins. Oil drilling would put our oceans, our beaches and all ocean life at risk.

If we want to avoid catastrophic climate change, we can't even afford to burn the known oil reserves. Oil exploration and deep sea oil drilling have no place in NZ waters.

Please donate to support a summer of action against Big Oil in New Zealand

\$15,400
Target \$40,000

1 My contribution will be...

Single donation

\$55 \$80 \$125 Other \$

2 My personal details

First name

Last name

Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

20 December

The current known locations of Greenpeace International's three ocean-going campaign vessels are:

Rainbow Warrior III

The Rainbow Warrior III has continued on its tour of Mexico. The 855 tonne sailing vessel is approximately under way off the eastern of Mexico and was at last checked at the position Latitude / Longitude: 20.48152° / -93.42534° (see photo below).

Arctic Sunrise

Greenpeace's ice breaker, the 949 tonne Arctic Sunrise has remained tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzijl in north-east Holland where it has been undergoing a major refit since early November this year.

The Esperanza

Greenpeace's largest campaign vessel, the 2067 tonne Esperanza is currently tied up at the port of Ponta Delgada in the Azores after transiting the North Atlantic and experiencing four metre swells on the journey.

Rainbow Warrior Webcam

Join us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Greenpeace.Rainbow.Warrior>

This page will refresh hourly.



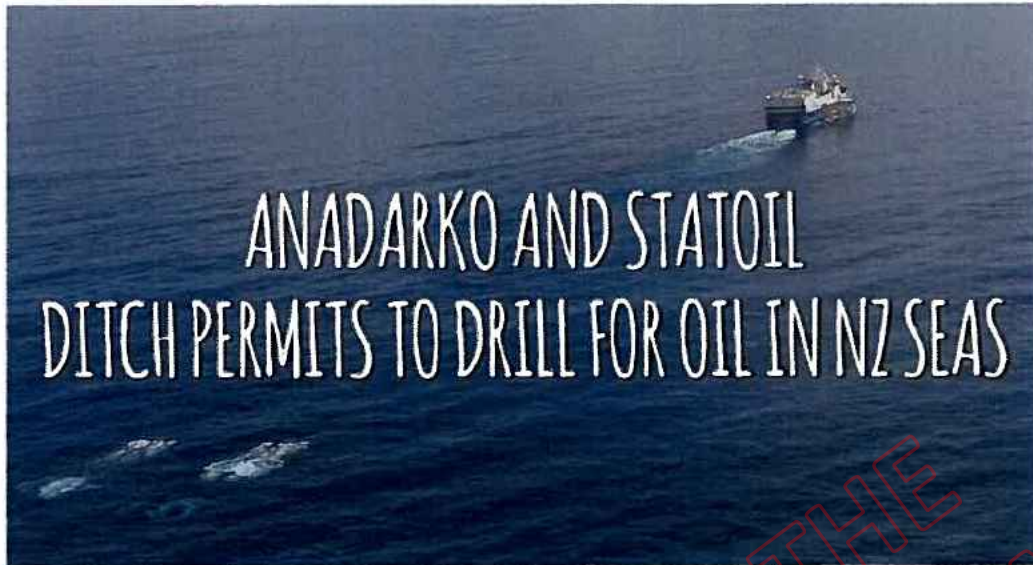
Greenpeace Thanks Supporters

18 December

Greenpeace New Zealand has posted a video on YouTube thanking its members, volunteers, and supporters for their donations, work, and protest actions throughout the year.

The video includes snapshots of what Greenpeace sees were its highlights for the year, including blockading the entrances to the 2016 Petroleum Conference and Anadarko Petroleum and Statoil releasing some of their offshore exploration permits.

See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ktw6Rr38H8



Greenpeace Man Writes to Minister

17 December

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland Climate Campaigner (see photo below) has penned an open letter to the Minister of Energy about the response to the 2016 Block Offer and which says:

"Dear Simon Bridges, every year you issue permits for offshore oil drilling at sea, a dangerous and mind numbing act of foolishness given the impact of fossil fuels on the climate.

"So this year you've extended once again, invitations to the genocidal oil industry to come and party on in our waters and guess what? Nobody's coming! Just one ... yes ONE application for onshore exploration in Taranaki and no applications for drilling at sea ... Awesome.

"Fighting oil companies at sea is a very difficult thing to do although we're up for it, but now your buddies in the oil industry are standing you up and bailing. Excellent! Now we turn our sights to the west..."



Greenpeace Boasts Oil & Gas is 'Broken'

16 December

Greenpeace NZ has claimed that the absence of any offshore oil permits and just a single onshore permit in the just-announced 2016 Block Offer shows that the National Government's oil agenda is "broken."

Greenpeace's Auckland-based Climate Campaigner for oil and gas says that, "The Government's revelation that only a single onshore oil permit has been granted to a local company in the latest round of Block Offers indicates that the oil industry is in big trouble."

She says that last year, nine permits were granted, which at the time was also a dramatic drop on previous years.

"If the Government was waiting for a sign that the Block Offer programme needed to be ditched, this is it," she said. "There is no interest from foreign companies, and oil majors are actually pulling out of permits. We've seen zero economic benefit from offshore oil."

She claims oil companies have started, "Leaving New Zealand en masse."

"Less than a week ago, Texan oil giant Anadarko ditched two of its major permits in

the Pegasus Basin. This came hot on the heels of Norwegian petroleum company, Statoil, announcing the withdrawal of 90 percent of its New Zealand assets. And their partial withdrawal came after the complete exit in previous years of two other drillers in New Zealand - Petrobras and ExxonMobil," she said.

"Australian media has also reported that New Zealand's biggest oil company, Shell, is preparing to sell its entire portfolio here, which includes oil exploration and production assets. The Block Offer announcement comes just days after the anniversary of the Paris Climate Agreement, which saw New Zealand commit to reducing its emissions," she added.

Greenpeace's Climate Campaigner claims that incoming Prime Minister Bill English now needs to 'step up to the plate' and show some leadership on climate change.

Last week, Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director appeared in a video letter challenging Bill English to prove he wasn't "Trumping": A reference to incoming US President Donald Trump who disputes there is such a thing as climate change (see further item below).

Greenpeace NZ's Oil and Gas Climate Campaigner says all New Zealand gets from 'pushing oil' is risk. "There is the risk to our marine life from the seismic blasting that's happening off the East Coast, and the risk to our international reputation for being hypocrites when it comes to responding to climate change," she says.

"New Zealanders don't want to take this risk. The public, iwi, and now many major local councils are vocally opposing the Block Offer programme. The new Prime Minister needs to listen to the public and ditch the search for any new oil.

"Science tells us that we can't afford to burn 80 percent of known fossil fuel reserves if we are to avoid a climate catastrophe - but the New Zealand Government has missed the memo.

"If Bill English is any sort of leader, now is the time to listen to people all over the country and ditch oil. There's a new clean economy just around the corner, and we are getting left behind," she concluded.