



Greens says Oil & Gas Strategy Failed

15 December

The Green Party says that news that just one exploration permit has been awarded in the latest oil and gas Block Offer shows it's, "Time for the Government to give up its fossil fuel strategy and embrace clean energy."

The Greens say previous Block Offers have usually seen 10 or more permits awarded for total areas up to 46,000 sq km, while this year the single permit awarded has an area of just 219 sq km.

"With just one local company getting a single small permit, Simon Bridges' misguided attempts to attract overseas fossil fuel investment have failed this year," says the Green Party's energy and resources spokesperson (see photo below).

"That's good news for those of us who care about the protection of oceans, coastlines, and marine animals, and who can see the economic benefits of transitioning to clean energy.

"We've got oil companies giving up on New Zealand left, right, and centre, which goes to show the Government has been backing the wrong horse.

"Fossil fuels are yesterday's fuels and we should be focussed on supporting New Zealand's home-grown clean energy expertise instead," he said.



Wellington Protest Against Exploration

15 December

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington held a protest in Wellington's Midland Park, near Statoil's offices, to demand a cessation of mining, exploration for oil and gas, and fracking. The group called the protest, 'Climate Justice Now!'

Oil Free Wellington says the granting of offshore exploration 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."

The group claims that, "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."

The protest was supported by another issue motivated group, Ora Taiao (the NZ Climate & Health Council). Supporters were invited to sign a banner sending a message to oil companies Statoil and Chevron saying their presence was not welcome here (see photo below).



Hastings Protest Against Exploration

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The East Coast issue motivated group Tū Mai Mo Ngā Wai (Protecting Our Waters) held 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. This was the second public protest event by the group.

The first time they assembled was at the Sound Shell, Napier in November to raise

awareness and to address the arrival of the vessel currently undertaking seismic testing along the Hawke's Bay and Wairarapa marine area, which are part of the traditional tribal waters of the Ngāti Kahungunu and Rangitāne iwi.



Survey Ship Called the 'Death Star'

14 December

In a short video posted on Youtube last week, Greenpeace NZ has referred to the seismic survey vessel 'Amazon Warrior' which is currently surveying off the East Coast of the North Island as a 'death star' ship.

The one minute, 44 second video entitled 'How Trump are you Bill?' is Greenpeace's directive to new Prime Minister Bill English to prove he is not a climate change denier like incoming US President Donald Trump, who is on record disputing climate change exists.

The video is in the form of an open letter from Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director who says we need action on climate change now, "for our very survival."

The video criticises the Government for allowing the Huntly Power Station to use coal-fired generators; providing subsidies the dairy industry, spending billions on "more and more roads", and goes onto to say that "even right now off the East Coast of New Zealand there is an oil survey seismic ship, a death star, looking for oil to burn to destabilise the climate for our kids."

The video can be viewed here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxolyIxI6Hk.



How Trump are you Bill?



47 views

Opposition to Todd Seismic Survey

14 December

The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has posted this diagram (see below) purporting to show the damage a 1kg explosion of TNT can cause to illustrate its opposition to Todd Energy conducting seismic surveying operations in its inland Mangaheua and McKee fields.

Posted on the group's Facebook page, CJT said, "This shows the damage done by just 1 kg of TNT. Todd Energy will explode approx. 5,000 1kg or 2 kg shots under Tikorangi in their upcoming 'seismic survey'. No wonder some landholders are saying NO THANKS.

"The 5,000 shots will be spread over 85 sq kms at varying depths, mostly between 10 and 30 meters. Each shot will reach 2726°C as it explodes! TNT has not been used for industrial purposes in the United States since the 1990s due to the toxic by-products of TNT explosions.

"TRC Officers agree with Todd Energy that the environmental effects to land and water are expected to be minor. Common sense says different! (TRC Officers Report 1759708 3 Nov 2016 re consents: 10352-1.0 and 10353-1.)"

Consequences of a 1 kg TNT Blast

TNT is one of the most widely used explosives, therefore TNT equivalent is often used to quantify the energy released by an explosion. The blast wave impact on a human body depends on how close to the epicenter it happens to be during the explosion.



11 m

Distance from the epicenter



10 kPa

(0.1 atm) excessive pressure on 1 sq cm

⚠️ Fatalities are ruled out at this distance. Minor injuries may occur.

🏠 Minor damage may be caused to machinery that will not disable it. Lightweight component parts may be damaged or severely reformed.

2.7 m

Distance from the epicenter



100 kPa

(1 atm) excessive pressure on 1 sq cm

⚠️ Severe contusion of the entire body, injuries, loss of consciousness, bone fracture, nose and ear bleeding. Possible internal injury and bleeding.

🏠 Major damage that may lead to partial collapse of walls, pillars and ceilings. Total destruction of lightweight components.

1 m

Distance from the epicenter



1,000 kPa

(10 atm) excessive pressure on 1 sq cm

⚠️ Severe contusion and injury, ruptured internal organs, bone fractures, internal bleeding, contusion and prolonged loss of consciousness. Fatalities possible.

🏠 Destruction of metal structures, reconstruction impossible. Shape and appearance are largely distorted.

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Greenpeace Protest Fund Update

04 January

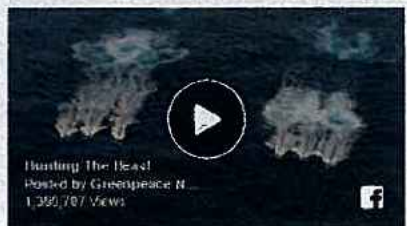
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It is thought Greenpeace is raising the money to fund protest by its small fleet of high-speed RHIBS (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats). It also thought the most likely means to launch the RHIBs will be from a large ocean-going ketch - of which Greenpeace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

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Hunting The Beast
Posted by Greenpeace NZ
1,389,707 Views

The world's biggest seismic blasting ship is in New Zealand waters RIGHT NOW, to search for oil between Kalkoura 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

\$35,767

Target \$40,000

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Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

04 January

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

Rainbow Warrior III

Greenpeace International's flagship, the Rainbow Warrior III has continued on its tour of Mexico. The 855 tonne sailing vessel is in the Gulf of Mexico heading for Port of Progreso in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula (ETA 06.01.17).

Arctic Sunrise

Greenpeace's ice breaker, the 949 tonne Arctic Sunrise remains tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzijl in north-east Holland where it has been undergoing a major refit since early November 2016.

The Esperanza

Greenpeace's largest campaign vessel, the 2067 tonne Esperanza was last recorded arriving on 01 January at the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao and is currently moored there.



Sea Shepherd Criticises Surveys

03 January

The issue motivated group Sea Shepherd which is better known for its confrontational protests against Japanese whalers has over the past week made a series of social media posts (see image below) critical of seismic surveying operations that are currently occurring on the east and west coasts of the North Island by the research vessels PGS Apollo and Amazon Warrior.

Sea Shepherd's criticisms came after in late December the organisation criticised Talley Fisheries for chartering one of its vessels (the Ocean Pioneer) as a support vessel to the Amazon Warrior (also see image below).

Sea Shepherd's commentary included screen shots showing it had been tracking the movements of both survey vessels.

Sea Shepherd has since gone on to criticise the survey operations as being possibly linked to the recent death of a sperm whale at Nelson.

In response to some commentary that the whale died as a result of a collision with a ship, Sea Shepherd said, "That's 'supposed' so we'll never know exactly. So it can't be ruled out. Which came first? Was the sperm whale already disoriented? What we do know is the level of seismic blasting on both sides of the Strait is long running, sustained, unprecedented and risky."



Sea Shepherd New Zealand

January 3 at 3:28pm · 🌐

Are the seismic blasting companies PGS and Statoil simply burying the evidence?

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Call for oil companies to research unusual whale deaths

Seismic detectors could be causing whale strandings, Sea Shepherd says, and...

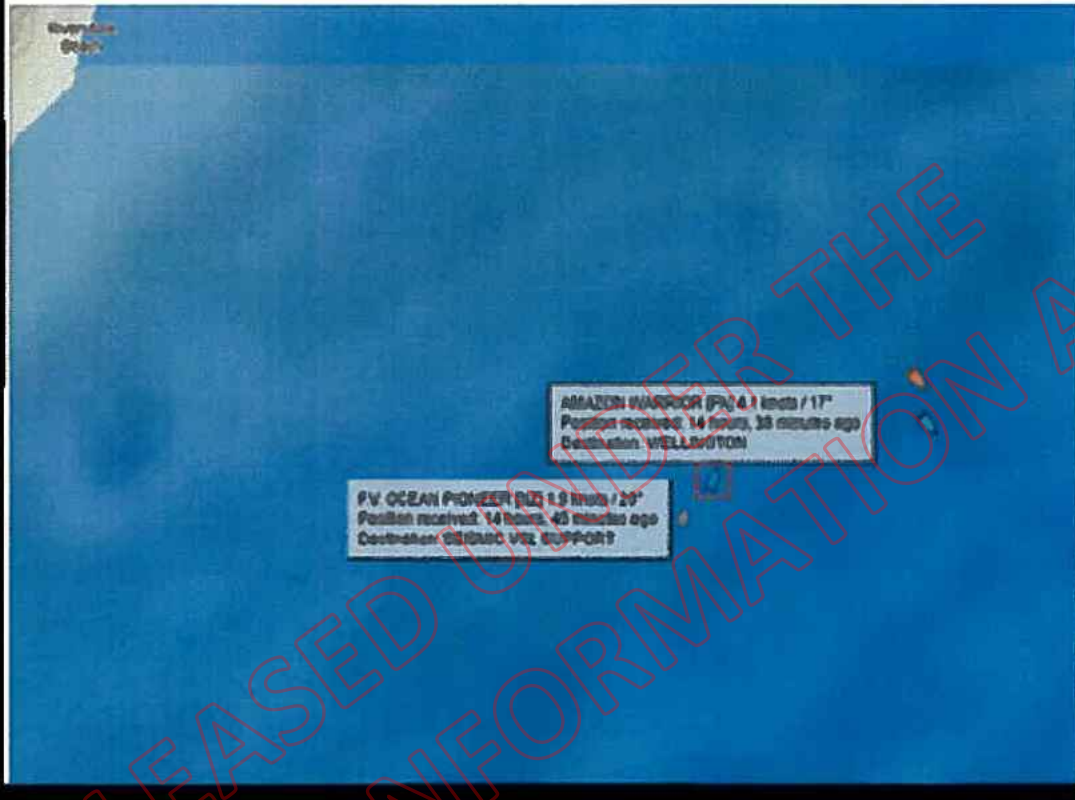
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Sea Shepherd New Zealand

December 30, 2016 at 2:04pm · 🌐

Disappointing to see Talley's pimping out one of their trawlers (Ocean Pioneer) to provide support for Statoil's whale and dolphin torture ship Amazon Warrior. Big fishing in NZ continue to show they just don't give a ****



Sea Shepherd Calls For Necropsies

02 January

Commenting further on the recent rash of whale strandings around the New Zealand coastline, Sea Shepherd has released a statement calling on the oil companies involved in current offshore seismic surveys to fund the cost of necropsies on the dead whales.

Sea Shepherd's press statement reads:

"During the height of Kiwi Christmas and New Year's Eve celebrations there have been several whale strandings and unusual sightings. Unusual because these incidents involve multiple species - baleen and toothed. Because sperm whales and several species of beaked whales have been close inshore when they generally live their whole lives in waters over a kilometer deep.

"Alarm bells ring as this coincides with the largest activity of intensive seismic surveying ever seen in New Zealand waters occurring on both sides of the Cook Strait right now.

"Sea Shepherd requests autopsies be undertaken before DoC buries these whales and gets rid of potential evidence. Iwi have full rights to demand necropsies in order to establish cause of death and gather important scientific conclusions. We offer them all our support.

"Both oil exploration companies need to be held accountable for funding the necropsies on the sperm whale stranding in Nelson, and the extremely rare fresh Shepherd's Beaked whale stranding off Timaru, as per governmental agreements and best practice.

"It shouldn't be up to scientists, iwi, NGOs and the people of New Zealand to have to kick up a stink to ensure this happens. It should be a given," says Sea Shepherd NZ's Director.

"Amazon Warrior, the largest seismic testing ship in the world, has been blasting off the East Coast since November 13, 2016," he says.

"PGS is currently seismic surveying in the South Taranaki Bight - a recovering breeding and feeding ground for blue whales - have stated they will 'consider covering the cost of necropsies in the event of a stranding for a seismic operation'. PGS readily admits they are a risk to marine mammals.

"Professor Liz Slooten from Otago University says, 'Even if it's not the seismic blasting causing these whales to strand, given the unusual species observed, accusations towards the oil exploration companies will likely escalate. They need to get on board, assist DoC and fund the research. It's outrageous these systems aren't already in place.'

"Whales are taonga, our treasures. A stranding is a tohu, a sign. We all love whales. It's important to utilise available science to know what caused their death, so we can prevent more. We owe them this much," says Gemma McGrath, independent consultant and former WhaleWatch Kaikoura Senior Guide.

Sperm whale strandings also need to be co-ordinated fully to see how they match with the Kaikoura photo-ID catalogue, she says.

"Everyone agrees: systems should already be in place to adequately respond to stranding events possibly linked to seismic operations. Regional teams capable of carrying out autopsies need to be set up, trained and ready to respond to future strandings. Burying the evidence is simply not acceptable. Let this be the last whale to go uninvestigated."

Sea Shepherd has summarised the following recent strandings and what it says are also unusual whale sightings:

Strandings

- Sperm whale stranded Nelson 30 December. Young fully grown male. No necropsy planned however local Iwi have the rights to request one urgently.
- Shepherd's Beaked whale stranded Caroline Bay 27 December. No necropsy performed however local Iwi have the rights to request one.
- Pygmy Blue whale, 14 metres, 28 December, found washed up on a South Taranaki beach. It appears to have died several weeks before from unknown causes.

Unusual sightings

- Arnoux Beaked whales, Otago Peninsula - 24 December
- Tasman Bay - 29 December. A group of what is now believed to be a Sperm whale(s) and possibly more Beaked whales (originally misidentified as Southern Rights or Humpbacks) were observed before the single stranding occurred.



Greenpeace Comments on Whale Death

02 January

Greenpeace New Zealand has also commented this week on the death of a sperm whale in Nelson. Like Sea Shepherd, Greenpeace has been quick to suggest a link between the death the survey operations of the PGS Apollo off the Taranaki coast and the Amazon Warrior off the east coast of the North Island (see image below).

In a post on its Facebook page, Greenpeace said, "A sperm whale washed ashore near Nelson could have died after becoming disoriented by seismic research north of

Tasman Bay, a zoologist says...<http://www.radionz.co.nz/.../.../did-seismic-research-kill-whale>.

"There have also been other reportings of whales, usually found at great depths, being seen in shallow water, and another stranding of a beaked whale in Timaru on 27 December.

"This map shows the tracks of the seismic survey ships and their support vessels working in NZ waters - just in the past two months.

"We don't know for sure that the seismic blasting is contributed to these particular whales coming to harm, but we do know that seismic blasting, equivalent to an undersea volcanic eruption every 10 seconds, 24/7 for weeks and months on end is harmful to whales and dolphins.

"We also know that drilling for deep sea oil should they find it would be dangerous, and burning it even more so. Scientists tell us that we can't even burn all the known reserves of oil if we are to avoid a climate catastrophe."

Greenpeace then invited people to "take action" by protesting and provided a link to its campaign page opposing seismic surveying.

See: <http://greenpeace.nz/stop-the-seismic-blasting>.

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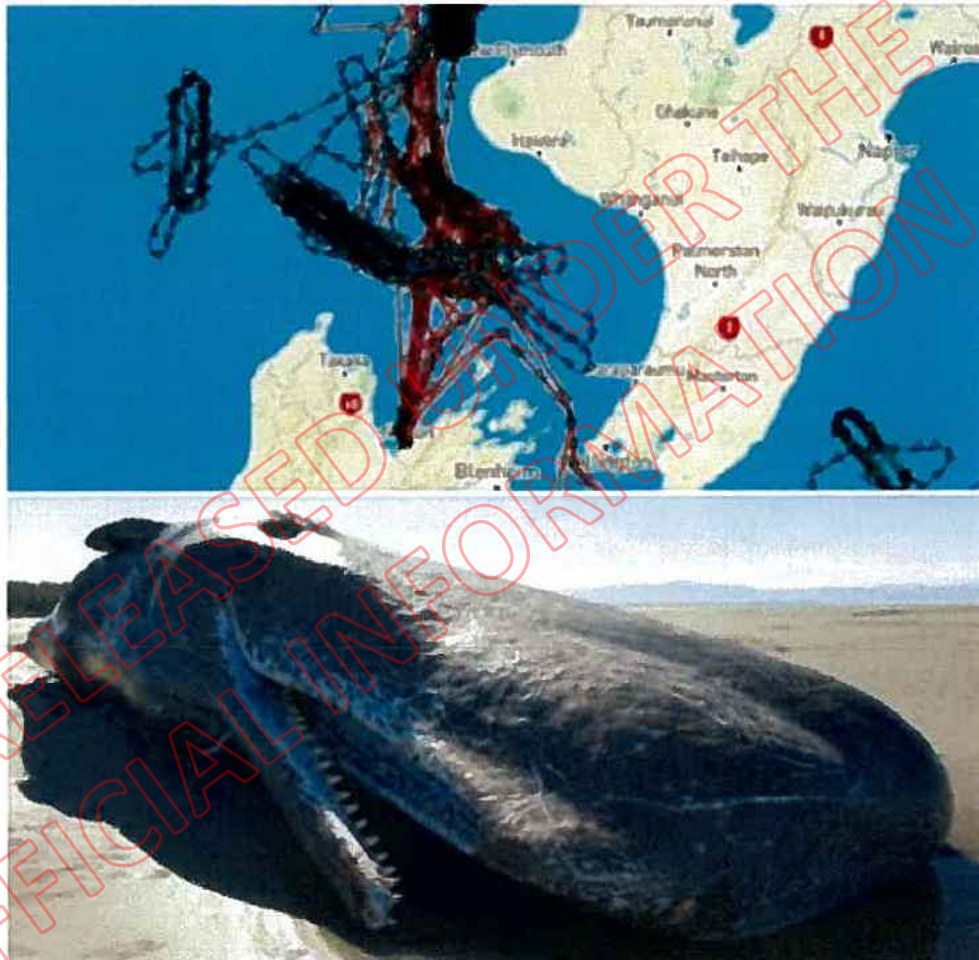
Greenpeace New Zealand added 2 new photos.

January 2 at 5:41pm · 🌐

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Scientist Speculates Over Whale Death

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One of New Zealand's leading marine zoologists and who is no fan of seismic surveying, has speculated to the media that a sperm whale washed ashore near Nelson could have died after becoming disoriented by seismic research north of Tasman Bay.

The zoologist (who is an associate professor at Otago University) has admitted to Radio NZ however that other possibilities for the death were either that a fishing vessel hit it, or it got tangled while eating squid off a longline.

However, without a necropsy it will be impossible to identify the cause of death, she says (Greenpeace have wrongly described it as an autopsy - see image below).

The zoologist says the sperm whale looked too well to have died of natural causes. She said the fully grown male, which was still young, could have died after becoming disoriented by seismic research being done north of Tasman Bay.

She said Cook Strait was an occasional transit zone for sperm whales, which normally lived in ocean depths of up to 1000 metres - and never in shallow depths

such as those in Tasman Bay.

"With these seismic vessels happening on both sides of Cook Strait, it is conceivable the noise from one of these two vessels confused it and it's fled, then heard more of the same noise ahead and it's tried to escape, but we'll never be able to prove, or disprove that," she said.

She said seismic noise travelled several hundred kilometres. There were several instances overseas sperm and beaked whales stranded near vessels operating sonar equipment.

G Greenpeace New Zealand

January 1 at 10:38am · 🌐

Without an autopsy, it's impossible to say for sure. But we do know seismic blasting can be harmful to whales and dolphins. Time to stop the blasting:
<https://t.co/75NFk91a0n>



Did seismic research kill whale?

A sperm whale that beached near Nelson looked too healthy to have died of natural...

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Groups Ban Together to Protest

31 December

Six issue motivated groups say they have joined forces to disrupt New Zealand's biggest oil and gas conference this year.

Greenpeace has already issued a warning that they will protest against the annual New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth.

However, the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (Pepanz) - who organise the conference has extended an invitation to Greenpeace to attend and to have a meaningful discussion on the issues they are concerned about.

A spokeswoman for Greenpeace says although Greenpeace will accept the invitation she didn't think discussing with oil company delegates would be beneficial.

"While we're happy to talk to them we don't think that's going to solve the problem," she said. "We need to change the culture around fossil fuels in New Zealand, and talking won't change that."

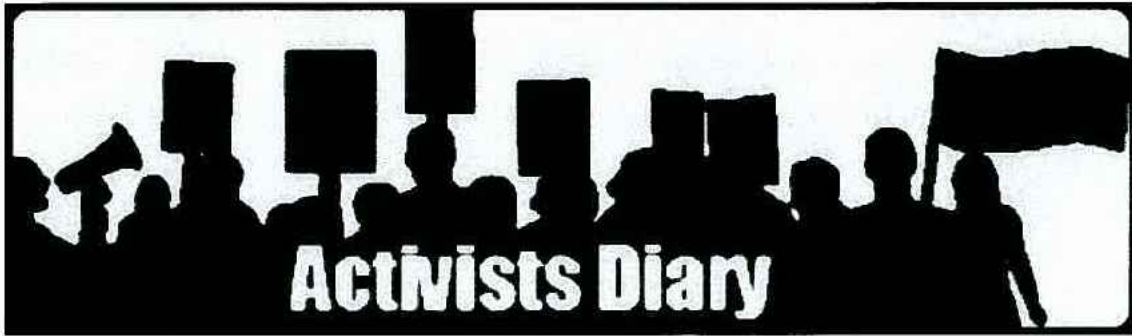
She claimed the oil and gas was an industry on its last legs, proved by the minimal interest in last year's Block Offer which saw just a fraction of the country's oil territory auctioned off. "It's dying but it's the public who will have the last word," she said.

Although the Taranaki basin is the only oil-producing area in New Zealand this will be the first year the conference has been held in New Plymouth and as a result several local climate groups have joined the cause.

Climate Justice Taranaki and Frack Free Taranaki say they will be lending their support to Greenpeace as well as Oil Free Wellington, 350 Aotearoa and The People's Climate Rally.



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Petroleum Conference Protest

22-23 March 2017

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Greenpeace says, "The 'People's Climate Rally' at the 2017 Petroleum Conference in Taranaki will include peaceful protest, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds who support a world without fossil fuels.

"The 'People's Climate Rally' is being organised by Taranaki locals and other groups

working on climate change, fracking, oil and gas drilling, and social justice. Organising groups include Climate Justice Taranaki, Frack Free, Oil Free Wellington, Greenpeace and 350 Aotearoa." Greenpeace has released a YouTube video promoting the protest.

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The Esperanza

Greenpeace's largest campaign vessel, the 2067 tonne Esperanza is not far from the Rainbow Warrior III. Its last recorded position was in sailing north of Suriname on its way to visit Brazil where the vessel's crew will be campaigning in support of healthy oceans.



Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

18 January

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Ocean Warrior

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Bob Barker

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Conspiracy Theory Dismissed

17 January

Greenpeace New Zealand has sensibly dismissed the conspiracy theory still doing the rounds in some issue motivated group quarters, that somehow November's 7.5 earthquake that hit Kaikoura and other parts of Canterbury, was connected to the seismic activities of the survey vessel Amazon Warrior (see example below).

In a short post on its Facebook page this week in response to the conspiracy theory still doing the rounds on social media, Greenpeace NZ dismissed the idea, saying, "There's no evidence that seismic blasting like this can cause earthquakes."

World's Biggest Seismic Testing "Blast" Ship – Amazon Warrior – Parked on top of New Zealand Fault Line

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Flaring Photographs Shared

16 January

The issue motivated group Frack Free Taranaki posted these images (below) it says one of its members who is a professional photographer took of flaring occurring at 3am at Tikorangi.

The woman taking and posting the photographs on Facebook claims they were taken from her back door.

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Greenpeace Announces Two Day Demo

15 January

Greenpeace New Zealand announced this week that this year's protest against the New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth in March will be a two-day event.

To dispel the impression this is just a Greenpeace protest, the organisation said the two days of protests would involve other issue motivated groups, namely Climate Justice Taranaki, 350 Aotearoa, Frack Free Taranaki, and Oil Free Wellington.

However, it is estimated the total number of protesters these four groups could put together in terms of active members is probably less than 50. No matter how Greenpeace may like to showcase it as a protest by a coalition of concerned groups, this will be Greenpeace's 'show'.

In an effort to bolster the impression this is not just a Greenpeace event, a statement released this week quoted a spokeswoman for Climate Justice Taranaki saying, "The oil and gas industry have been making a retreat this year, pulling out of permits and cutting investments. Now they're moving from Auckland to hold their annual conference in what can only be seen as a retreat to 'safe territory', but we are stepping things up to tell them it's time to stop the drilling and ensure a future without runaway climate change."

A spokeswoman for climate group 350 Aotearoa said organisers are encouraging visitors to the WOMAD music festival on 17 March to extend their visit and take part in the protests. This international music festival, which counts Todd Energy as a major sponsor and in past years has had support from Shell, will be held the weekend prior to the Petroleum Conference.

Last year, Greenpeace NZ attracted about 300 people to support its protests in Auckland against the 2016 Petroleum Conference (see photo below).

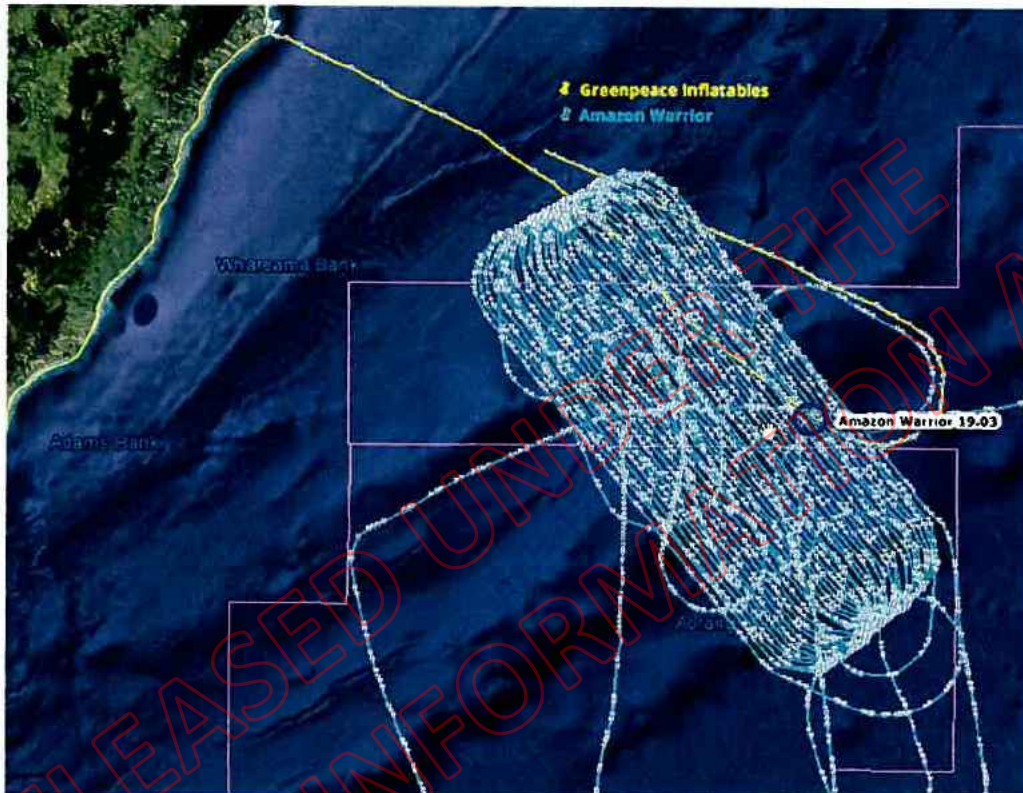


Greenpeace Shows its Tracking Skills

14 January

In releasing this satellite tracking image on social media, of two of its protest vessels intercepting the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior last Friday, Greenpeace New

Zealand has yet again displayed the ship monitoring resources it has at its fingertips. It is believed the image was taken from a screenshot of the satellite vessel tracking service Greenpeace International operates on Waiheke Island in the Hauraki Gulf and which is run by a retired crew member of Greenpeace's original Rainbow Warrior protest ship.



Survey Ship Targeted for Protest

13 January

Early on Friday 13 January, Greenpeace New Zealand launched two protest RHIBs (rigid hull inflatable boats) from Castlepoint on the Wairarapa coast and deployed them in what was a peaceful protest against the survey vessel Amazon Warrior.

The protest was launched when Greenpeace was aware the Amazon Warrior was 50 nautical miles off the coast and took place despite a heavy sea and wind warning.

Protest Numbers

It is reliably thought both RHIBs were dispatched from Greenpeace NZ's Mt Eden headquarters in Auckland by road on 12 January and accompanied in vehicles by a crew of up to eight persons, including at least one female, and who as a fulltime

Climate Campaigner for Greenpeace NZ, appeared to be in charge of the protest.

It appears the RHIBs were towed by road overnight to reach Castlepoint by late in the evening ready for an early launching from the beach on 13 January.

This detachment was made up of a combination of Greenpeace employees and volunteer members of its Boat Team and volunteers from two other issue motivated groups - Oil Free Wellington and Te Ikaroa from Napier.

It is known from studies of images Greenpeace itself has made public that the larger of the two RHIBs was co-captained by a member of Oil Free Wellington who has extensive marine experience, including that as a crew member on Greenpeace International's flagship, the Rainbow Warrior III.

The East Coast issue motivated group Te Ikaroa has said that its representative in the protest was the captain of a tradition Maori sailing waka (ocean-going sailing canoe) which has been undergoing repairs and maintenance in Napier.

It is the opinion of Thompson+Clark that this waka (and possibly others) will also be used at some point to protest against the Amazon Warrior.

Types of Vessels Used in the Protest

The two RHIBs used in the protest were the largest of those currently owned by Greenpeace NZ, and consisted of a Gemini Waverider 730 twin-engined RHIB called the Margaret Mahy (after a famous New Zealand children's author) and a unnamed Gemini Waverider 650 single-engined RHIB. Both RHIBs are powered by Yamaha 150hp engines.

Images released by Greenpeace show the larger RHIB carried a crew of four and the smaller RHIB had a crew of three.

It was noted the RHIBs took a relatively short time to reach the Amazon Warrior from their launch point on the beach at Castlepoint but took considerably longer to return after completing the protest and appeared to have had to battle heavy seas on their return.

Contact With the Amazon Warrior

Upon making visual contact with the Amazon Warrior, the Climate Campaigner made contact with the vessel by radio on channel 16 but was advised by the Master of the Amazon Warrior to switch to channel 10, which she acknowledged, but remained speaking on channel 16 for the remainder of the conversation

Greenpeace has made the radio conversation between their protester and the Master of the Amazon Warrior public.

This shows that the protesters were immediately advised the Amazon Warrior was towing 14 seismic streamers, each 8km long and marked with a tail buoy and that

the vessel would be doing a slow turn to port. The protesters were also immediately advised by the Master of the Amazon Warrior that an enforceable 500m non-interference zone was in force around the vessel and its attached equipment, and requested that the protesters respect this.

Greenpeace's Climate Campaigner responded that the two RHIBs were there exercising Greenpeace's "right to peaceful protest" but would do nothing to endanger the Amazon Warrior or its crew.

She then read from a prepared script a short 'ceased and desist' letter which she claimed had been endorsed by "over 60,000 New Zealanders" demanding the vessel immediately cease its survey activities.

Greenpeace Protest Message

The full text of the message she read out referred to oil companies Chevron and Statoil and said:

"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."

The representative of Te Ikaroa then broadcast what he claimed was a "message from the indigenous communities of the eastern seaboard". This was delivered in both English and Maori and can be heard here: See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEJvf41whIc

It is noted the protest was not resumed the next day and the Greenpeace protest team and its RHIBs appear to have packed up and returned to Auckland on Saturday 14 January. Greenpeace NZ is now giving extensive coverage to the protest on its social media pages, especially Facebook and has promised to release more video footage it took.

Monitoring of Seismic Shots

While Greenpeace claimed that one of the reasons for the protest was to monitor and record some of the seismic shots the Amazon Warrior was firing, this attempt appears to have been unsuccessful.





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

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Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

30 January

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

Rainbow Warrior III

Greenpeace International's flagship, the 855 tonne Rainbow Warrior III is now in the Caribbean Sea, heading for Panama, where it appears to be intending to sail through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific Ocean. The Rainbow Warrior III will require monitoring to see if the vessel plots a course for New Zealand to help promote Greenpeace NZ's summer campaign of protest against the oil and gas industry.

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Greenpeace Raises 50K for TV Adverts

28 January

Greenpeace New Zealand has successfully raised almost \$50,000 to keep its TV advertisement attacking the oil and gas industry on television.


Greenpeace claims the advertisement "exposes what Big Oil's doing in our oceans."

The advert can be watched here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eKqu84Ra4U

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Poster Aimed at Exploration Companies

27 January

Anti-oil and gas activists opposing the seismic surveying operations of the research vessel Amazon Warrior have posted this online poster below, accusing the vessel of 'trespassing' and criticising oil companies Statoil and Chevron, which are associated with the vessel's surveying operations here.



Greenpeace Conducts Boarding Exercise

24 January

The crew of Greenpeace International's flagship, Rainbow Warrior III, have been conducting exercises in boarding ships at sea (see image below) off the coast of Mexico, just prior to the vessel's departure for the Panama Canal this weekend.

Greenpeace has not said what the vessel's next port of call will be once it enters the Pacific.

At least one New Zealand activist is known to have been on the vessel while it was in Mexico, but she has now left the vessel and is not accompanying it to Panama.



Activists 'Lock-on' to Factory Gates

23 January

Five anti-coal activists (some dressed as cows) last week chained themselves to access gates at Fonterra's Clandeboye Milk Factory in south Canterbury in protest at the company using coal to fire its milk processing boilers.

The five protesters were from a larger group of about 15 people who protested outside the factory following a weekend 'climate camp' and workshop organised by the Coal Action Network Aotearoa (CANA) at the nearby Tinwald Domain, which attracted an attendance of about 50 people.

A pile of wood chips was dumped by the protesters near the gates they were

blocking with a sign saying 'Use This' - a reference to the protesters' longstanding demand that Fonterra use wood by-products to fire its milk processing boilers instead of coal.

The climate camp at the Tinwald Domain had been promoted by CANA with a strong anti-dairying theme entitled 'Coal, Cows, and Climate.'

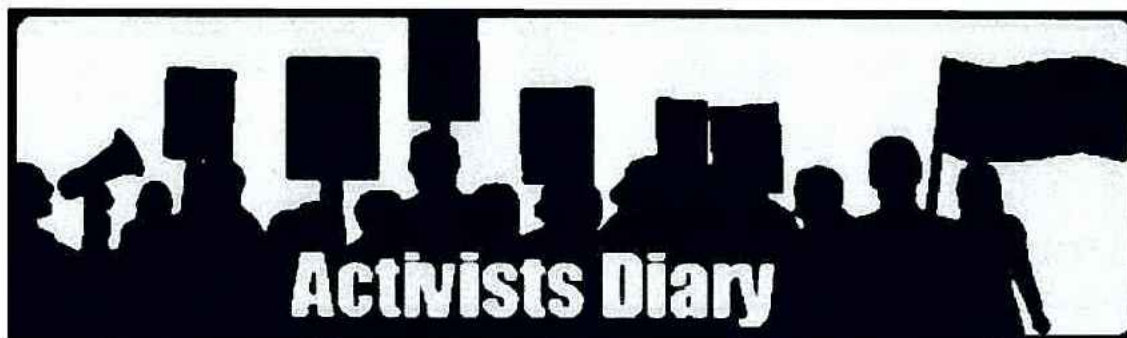
The protest action follows the format of similar events organised by CANA where the final day's agenda focuses on a protest action when the group knows it has the numbers and enough people motivated by a weekend of ideology to undertake a protest.

It follows very much in the same vein as CANA's previous protest actions against state coal mining company Solid Energy's operations on the West Coast and now defunct lignite plant in Southland.

Despite the protesters claiming their actions forced several trucks to turn away, the plant continued to operate, with vehicles using other access points to the factory. No efforts were made to cut the protesters free, and they were left undisturbed until they decided to give up the protest.







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Fund Raising for Protest Training

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The Auckland anti-fossil fuels issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa has launched an on line fund raising campaign to pay for the cost of protest training it plans to deliver to selected activists this month.

350 Aotearoa is calling this event 'Climate Ninja Training' and has elaborated slightly more on this by saying it will be "upskilling key volunteers to help us kick-butt for the climate in 2017."

350 Aotearoa hasn't said exactly what the training will consist of, exactly where it will be delivered (apart from somewhere in Auckland), and by whom, and for how long.

However, it has said it has budgeted the training to cost \$250 per person - and which by the amount raised to date (\$2130) would equate for enough training for eight activists already.

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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.

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07 February

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Greenpeace International's flagship, the 855 tonne Rainbow Warrior III has now passed through the Panama Canal and into the Pacific Ocean. The Rainbow Warrior III will require monitoring to see if the vessel plots a course for New Zealand to help promote Greenpeace NZ's summer campaign of protest against the oil and gas industry. Currently it has stated that its next port of call will be in Chile where it will be still be 5336 nautical miles from New Zealand but on a similar latitude.

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Steve Irwin

The 1017 tonne Steve Irwin has now been at sea for over 66 days, covering 11,000 NM while operational against the Japanese whaling fleet in the Southern Ocean. The vessel is currently captained by an Australian woman from Queensland who was formerly an operational officer in the Australian Navy, and reflects the large number of Australians who these days make up the crew of Sea Shepherd's ships since the organisation shifted its resource focus to there.

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The 484 tonne Sam Simon is currently operating in the Vaquita refuge in the Sea Of Cortez, Mexico, to interrupt any poaching activity and retrieve illegal fishing gear with another Sea Shepherd vessel, the MV Farley Mowat, which is a 34m, former US Coast Guard vessel which has been working with the Mexican Navy to help in fisheries enforcement.

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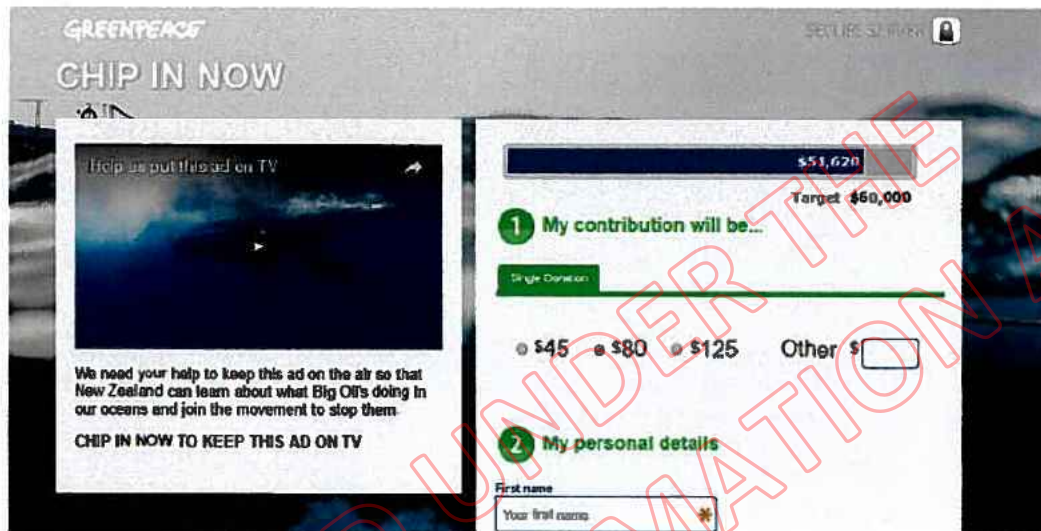
Greenpeace Raises Target to 60k

07 February

Greenpeace New Zealand has successfully raised more than \$51,000 to keep its TV advertisement attacking the oil and gas industry on television.

However, Greenpeace and now says it is aiming to collect \$60,000 from supporters to keep the advertisement on air.

Greenpeace is suggesting the minimum donation supporters should give is \$45 (see image below) but does give them the option of donating a smaller amount. Greenpeace claims the advertisement "exposes what Big Oil's doing in our oceans" and can be watched here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=4eKqu84Ra4U



Activists Say 'Goodbye' to Survey Ship

06 February

This social media post by an admin of the Facebook page for the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki illustrates the antipathy this, and other IMGs, directed against the presence of the seismic survey vessel PGS Apollo.

The vessel has now departed New Zealand waters after being operational here for several months off the west coast of the North Island.

👤 PGS Apollo heading for Australia at a rate of knots tonight 🤖

Good riddance and don't come back! 😊

PGS was seismic blasting in Taranaki waters in partnership with government organisation GNS Science. They also undertook surveying on behalf of Austrian oil giant OMV in two of their Taranaki exploration permits.

The ship arrived in October 2016 and was scheduled to be working in the South Taranaki Bight until 11 April 2017.



Waitangi Day Protest Message

06 February

Greenpeace New Zealand has published an opinion piece by its Northland Climate Campaigner about the importance of engaging in protest and urging supporters to demonstrate against this year's NZ Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth next month.

The climate campaigner, who is also probably New Zealand's best known Maori activist because of his effort to destroy the tree on Auckland's icon One Tree Hill more than 15 years ago, had this to say to mark Waitangi Day this year. Headlined: 'A view from Waitangi' it says:

Over the last couple of days I've been getting calls from friends, colleagues and

media organisations wanting to know what was happening at Waitangi this year. Here's what I've been telling them.

Depending on your point of view, Waitangi day is either a day of celebrations, a day of rage against the government or, for the majority on NZers, a day off work to enjoy a long summer weekend. All of these aspects come together at Waitangi on Waitangi day.

The Navy provides a bit of pomp and ceremony backed up by the frigates firing their guns out in the bay. The Government provides some bouncy castles and other family friendly activities and entertainment across the bridge at the Treaty grounds.

Meanwhile at the "bottom" marae, the local elders and community welcome and feed the thousands of visitors who come to participate in weekends activities.

A political forum tent adjacent to the marae hosts a number of presentations on topical issues and local not for profit groups and local marae raise funds and display goods and services.

The government public relations objectives at Waitangi are to present the view that the Treaty of Waitangi and Waitangi day represent the founding of the New Zealand State, that it signifies national unity and pride in our national heritage.

However the objectives of many Maori in attendance are to present the view that nothing could be further the truth.

In the past, various Prime Ministers and politicians have attempted to run this gauntlet at the bottom marae and attempt to brazenly "walk through" opposition to their policies. I'm personally very pleased that they've finally decided to abandon this act of political theatre.

Predictably the mainstream media prowls the streets looking for conflict at potential flashpoints and historically these images of conflict are what shapes how many people view Waitangi day.

However far from the hot glare of the media spotlights a number of other things are happening. For example, on Thursday 2nd February a significant gathering of Maori leaders occurred at the Copthorne Hotel at Waitangi. Tribal leaders representing Iwi from across the country were in attendance to consider reports from various technical working parties established to analyse issues and develop consensus amongst member tribal groups. This is the National Maori forum known as the Iwi Leaders Group.

The various issues reported on included constitutional political issues, environmental and social issues and each one of these generic themes contained a myriad of second tier issues that required analysis, understanding and remediation.

Part of the overall discussion reflected the need to consolidate some of the various working groups. In order to maintain a consistent approach it was suggested that all natural resource issues including climate change should be folded into one working group.

Of course I totally agree, there are a lot of very important and serious issues, but then there is the climate crisis. The difference being that, if we don't solve the climate crisis, nothing else matters.

As if to reinforce this perspective, as the meeting broke for morning tea, I found myself on the balcony looking over the Waitangi river towards the bottom marae on the opposite side of the river.

The marae and the adjacent substantial settlement is build on a sandbar at sea level. It would only take a sea level rise of less than 1 meter to wash away the marae, two motor camps the hotel, the supermarket and upwards of 60 houses.

Some historical wit coined the phrase, "The devil's in the detail" and this is particularly true of climate change, a relatively simplistic three syllable expression that has earth shattering implications.

We have to unpack this issue in all its complexity to understand its urgency and then go to the source of the problem if we have any chance of minimising its impacts on future generations.

One of the things I like about Greenpeace is its willingness to not only make this analysis but then to take direct action on the root causes and it's encouraging that so many New Zealanders are going the dots between the climate emergency and fossil fuels and are now prepared to take action.

Later this month you can expect further climate action from Maori and Greenpeace. And make sure to get yourself to the People's Climate Rally.



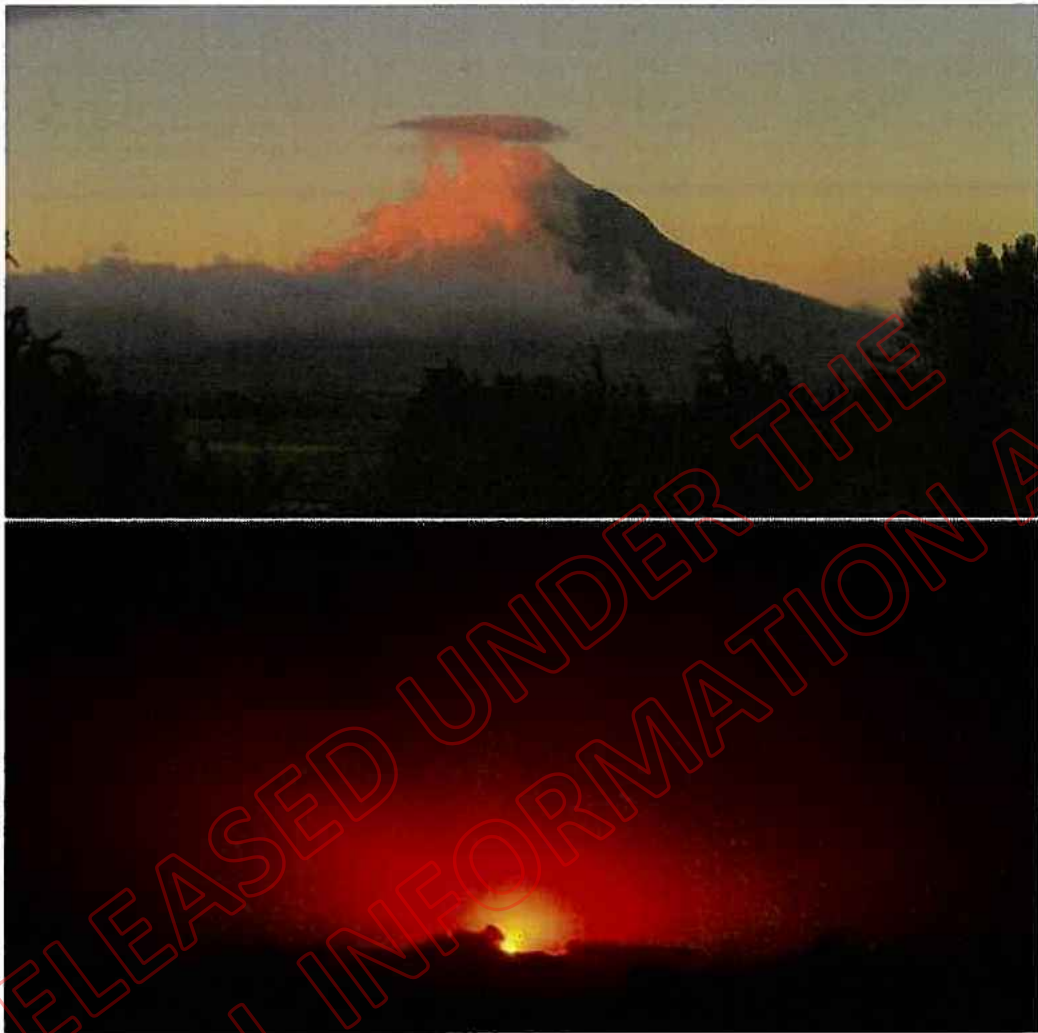
Taranaki Activists Keep up Complaints

05 February

In a series of social media posts over the past week (see below), a number of Taranaki anti-oil and gas activists have been circulating photographs taken by one of them, and of what they say is one of Todd Energy's tight gas well sites in Tikorangi constantly flaring at night.

In the latest complaint, one activist has posted video of the flaring, and which now has been viewed at least 685 times in less than a week.

this morning at 6.38 am - the glow of Taranaki V the glow last night from the flaring after Fracking at 11.28 pm ...



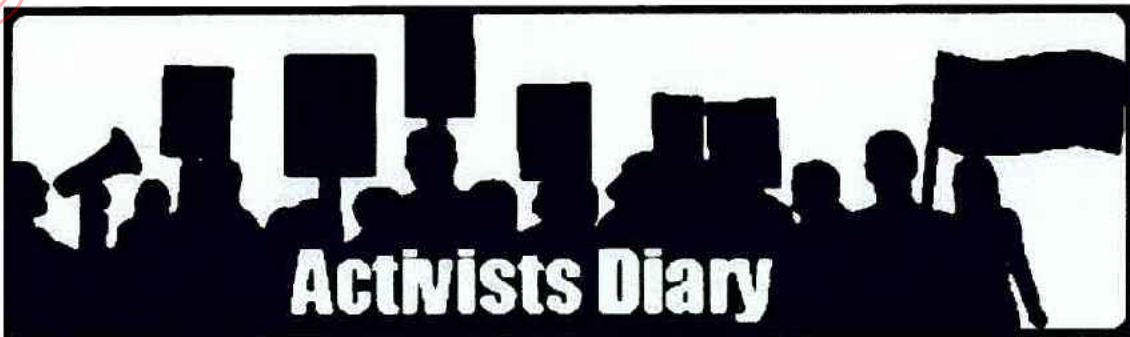
another fracking flaring night .. at Tikorangi ... Climate Crime Climate
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Beautiful morning in Taranaki after what looks like a hellish night of gas flaring at one of Todd Energy's many shale/tight gas well sites. Burning off dirty gas and fracking waste in open pits is a very cheap way for the Todd's to dispose of waste, sadly nowhere near worlds best practice or the very high benchmark they boast of, but then they are left to regulate themselves so there is no incentive to do any better.



Napier Waka Festival

14-26 February 2017

Supporters and crew of the traditional Polynesian sailing waka Te Matau a Māui of Napier are hosting the Herenga Waka Festival in the Ahuriri Harbour, Napier, 12 - 26 February. This event is expected to attract a large fleet similar waka.

While protest against the presence of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior which is operating off the east coast of the North Island is not a stated purpose of the festival, the captain of the Te Matau a Māui is a known opponent and participated in last month's Greenpeace protest against the vessel off the coast near Castlepoint.

Captains of other waka participating in this festival are also known to oppose off shore exploration for oil and gas.

There appears a likely chance that either during the festival, or immediately after it, some the waka involved in this festival may protest against the Amazon Warrior.



Te Matau a Māui
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Climate 'Ninja' Training

February 2017

The Auckland-based issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa is fundraising so it can provide direct action protest training to its supporters this month; something it is promoting as 'climate ninja training'.

350 Aotearoa has not said exactly when and where during February it is providing this training, but says it has budgeted \$250 per person in order to deliver it at a campsite somewhere in the greater Auckland region.

350 Aotearoa employs a small full time Auckland office staff, including an Executive Director, who before taking up her current position founded the Dunedin issue motivated group Oil Free Otago.



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.



Petroleum Conference Protest

22-23 March 2017

A number of issue motivated groups led by Greenpeace NZ are organising protest against this year's New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth, 22-23 March 2017.

Greenpeace says, "The 'People's Climate Rally' at the 2017 Petroleum Conference in Taranaki will include peaceful protest, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds who support a world without fossil fuels.

"The 'People's Climate Rally' is being organised by Taranaki locals and other groups working on climate change, fracking, oil and gas drilling, and social justice. Organising groups include Climate Justice Taranaki, Frack Free, Oil Free Wellington, Greenpeace and 350 Aotearoa." Greenpeace has released a YouTube video promoting the protest.

See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvwjcMeN5sE>



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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 opposition to current offshore seismic surveying operations by the research vessel Amazon Warrior, the threat level is assessed as **ELEVATED** (Code Yellow) requiring a heightened response for offshore operations and when vessels related to the Amazon Warrior are in port.

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.

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Greenpeace Rejects Invitation

15 February

Greenpeace New Zealand has rejected an invitation to attend the 2017 NZ Petroleum Conference next month, and instead has tried to make capital of the invitation by challenging the conference organisers PEPANZ to a public debate.

Greenpeace says that despite this being the first year ever which it has been invited to attend, it cannot however accept such an invitation because it cannot "...See what can be gained from us sitting behind the closed doors of the Petroleum Conference in Taranaki, listening to international oil representatives and the Government make plans to dig more climate cancer out of the ground."

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Instead of attending the conference, Greenpeace has proposed a public debate with PEPANZ on the topic: "We must rapidly phase out fossil fuels if our kids are to have

a stable climate".

PEPANZ has responded that it was disappointing Greenpeace had declined their invitation, and PEPANZ would be in turn declining their offer of a debate as they had "no confidence that they [Greenpeace] have any interest in a meaningful discussion. Instead of attending the conference and talking directly to those involved in the industry about their concerns, Greenpeace have again indicated that they would rather focus on attention-grabbing media stunts and protest action."

PEPANZ's CEO says the challenge facing the world was balancing how to meet an increasingly demand for energy while simultaneously reducing harmful emissions. "The answer is not to switch off our use of fossil fuels overnight – oil and gas make up half the world's energy supply and will continue to play an important role in the world's energy mix for decades to come," he said.

Greenpeace has threatened a summer of action against the oil and gas industry, culminating with one at next month's petroleum conference. However, to date all Greenpeace has done in the form of actual protest is one on-the-water protest against the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off Castlepoint on the lower east coast of New Zealand and which did not interrupt the ship's operations. The full text of Greenpeace published open letter from its Executive Director in response to the invitation says:

I'm writing in regard to your invitation to attend the 2017 Petroleum Conference, taking place in Taranaki this March. I appreciate that this must be a significant step for PEPANZ, as it is the first time that Greenpeace has been formally asked inside the conference.

However, we must decline. We understand that by inviting Greenpeace, you are hopeful that we may be able to engage in a dialogue about the role that oil and gas should play in our future. Our issue with this is fossil fuels like oil and gas have no place in our future.

If we are to pass a stable climate to our children, we must rapidly phase out fossil fuels. We're at a point now where not a single new coal mine, oil well or gas field can operate if we're to have a chance of avoiding a climate catastrophe.

In fact, we can't afford to burn the majority of the already discovered fossil fuel reserves. Already we're starting to experience extreme droughts, floods, and rising seas.

Here in New Zealand, the impact of climate change is set to wreak havoc on our farming sector, critical infrastructure, native forests, endangered wildlife, health and food security. This is no longer an issue for future generations to deal with. It's

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But what the oil industry has done in that time is worse than nothing. Around the world, oil corporations have actively funded climate science denial and lobbied governments to protect the industry at the expense of protecting their own citizens. Just like the tobacco industry. And it's all been done behind closed doors.

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Greenpeace is open to discussing these issues with you in a setting where members of the public are also able to attend and participate. Hence, we propose a public debate in a neutral venue, with the moot: "We must rapidly phase out fossil fuels if our kids are to have a stable climate."

We would be more than happy to work together to organise this. It is a critical moment in human history. On the one hand, the world is starting to take real climate action.

Governments have signed an unprecedented agreement to tackle climate change, and renewable energy now represents more than half of the world's new power capacity. But on the other we have seen the election of the Fossil Fuel President of the USA, who has a vested interest in oil companies and an oil tycoon as his Secretary of State. Let's have a public debate at this important juncture.



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Break Up With Fossil Fuels Urged

14 February

The issue motivated group Frack Free Kapiti and Beyond has used an environmentally targeted advert, urging a switch to an electricity supplier that doesn't use fossil fuels, to take a shot at generator Nova Energy because it is a subsidiary of Todd Energy (see image below).

Windfarm residential energy supplier, ecotricity, has published a Valentine's Day advertisement urging consumers to 'Break up with fossil fuels' and instead buy their electricity needs from its 100 percent renewable power source (see image below).

Here is some direct competition with the Todd's NOVA electricity that is made with fracked gas.



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Protest Blockade Confirmed

13 February

In issuing this poster below, a number of issue motivated groups have confirmed that they will be mounting a blockade against the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference.

Almost a dozen groups have put their name to the poster, Greenpeace NZ being just one. Although it is clear Greenpeace is the main organiser of this protest, it frequently chooses not to give prominence to itself in promoting such events in order to give the impression of there being a broader base of grass root support.

In fact, Greenpeace claims the protest are being organised by "Taranaki locals and other groups working on climate change, fracking, oil and gas drilling, and social justice."

Among the groups saying they will protest are, Oil Free Auckland, 350 Aotearoa, Oil Free Wellington, Frack Free Kapiti and Beyond, Climate Justice Taranaki, the Ngati Awa Ki Taranaki Trust, and a group from Palmerston North calling themselves the

Palmy Panthers. The Palmy Panthers appear to be a small, militant left wing group with connections to such groups as Socialist Aotearoa.

A dedicated website has been set up to promote what is being called, "The People's Climate Rally" and which will include "peaceful protest, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds who support a world without fossil fuels."

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Greenpeace Doesn't Blame Survey Ship

10 February

Greenpeace New Zealand has given a measured response to the mass stranding of hundreds of pilot whales in Golden Bay last week, admitting that the operations of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off the east coast of the North Island could not be linked to the tragedy.

Responding to numerous comments on its Facebook page by individuals trying to blame the vessel and another one which has recently left New Zealand waters (PGS Apollo) Greenpeace NZ said:

A lot of people are asking about the stranded whales and the links to seismic blasting. It's true that seismic blasting confuses whales and makes their navigation harder. However, The Beast isn't in the area and the other blaster, the Apollo, was last in the area last Friday. So there's not enough evidence to conclusively link seismic blasting to the tragic stranding of those whales. But if we're serious about protecting whales, or anything else, we need to stop the mad hunt for climate-wrecking fossil fuels."

Likewise, the militant Sea Shepherd Society which has also been highly critical of the presence of the Amazon Warrior has admitted the vessel's operations can also not be blamed, saying:

Farewell Spit is a natural whale/dolphin trap and marine mammals have been stranding there for 100s of years. The PGS Apollo seismic testing vessel left the area over a week ago. We are saying dolphins and whales have been stranding on Farewell Spit before humans were here. Seismic testing can affect marine mammals and we raised this at the end of December. In particular we were concerned with deep diving species like sperm whales one of which died in Nelson around the same time as the PGS Apollo was here. That was unusual. The stranding of Pilot Whales on the Split is unfortunately a frequent occurrence.

Such logic from both Greenpeace and Sea Shepherd has not stopped scores of comments from supporters of both groups being posted on both organisation's Facebook pages blaming the Amazon Warrior and PGS Apollo. Many have been highly abusive in their tone and have ignored Greenpeace's and Sea Shepherd's stance on the strandings.



IMG Challenges Oil & Gas Rules

10 February

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) says it is preparing to challenge the South Taranaki District Council's rule on oil and gas in the Environment Court, and has two powerful allies backing it.

TEW claims it has expert evidence showing the need for "better regulations to protect people's health and the environment."

TEW says, it is one of eight organisations, including Fonterra, the Department of Conservation and Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust, that are appealing different aspects of the plan. Its spokeswoman says, "We employed experts in oil and gas issues to give evidence at the council's hearing on the plan. Our experts said it was not safe to have seismic surveys using explosives as a permitted activity, it should be discretionary. Particularly because there were several cases of undetonated explosives being left in the ground and they are having to be recorded on LIM reports. It's a health and safety issue."

She has clarified this remark by saying, "Taranaki Energy Watch is not saying the seismic surveys shouldn't happen. It's that there are not enough safeguards with issues around undetonated explosives."

TEW is not alone in taking the appeal, as the Stratford and New Plymouth District Councils have both become parties to it.

TEW also claims some petroleum companies and farmers will also be joining their appeal but has not given any further details.

Other aspects not relating to oil and gas are being appealed by other groups. Fonterra says it has concerns the plan did not promote the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources in South Taranaki; it did not meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and would not enable social, economic and cultural well being of the people of South Taranaki. Both DoC and Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust say they have concerns regarding the coastal environment.



Taranaki Energy Watch



Activists Diary

Controversial Book on NZ Oil & Gas

20 February 2017

The author of a new research book which focuses on petroleum development and

environmental conflict in New Zealand is launching his new book in Gisborne on 20 February.

The event is being supported by the East Coast issue motivated group Te Ikaroa which is opposed to the presence of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior.

His presentation will focus on what he believes are the tactics adopted by oil and gas companies to achieve their objectives and the "resistance activities of environmental activists" in response.

Economic anthropologist Dr Terrence Loomis says in the book that his research suggests the Government's efforts to promote oil and gas development while managing environmental critics and exerting more government control over resource management are harming long-standing government/civil sector relationships.

The divisions and social conflict being generated, "Are having detrimental effects on long-standing state/civil society institutions and shared Kiwi values around public participation in community planning and policy-making, sustainable resource management and care for the environment."

In a press release dated 15 February, Dr Loomis says, "What seems to upset a lot of people is the government's apparently contradictory energy policy - talking up New Zealand's clean, green image while down-playing evidence of the risks and harm associated with the petroleum industry and its effects on climate change.

"The government and PEPANZ seem to just dodge the issue, repeating how safe and environmentally concerned the industry is. It's as though they're saying 'just trust us, we know what we're doing,'" Dr Loomis says in the release.

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"With a national election looming," Dr Loomis says, "the NZ industry seems to be playing down the prospects for expanded petroleum development by noting that the weak international oil market is discouraging companies from exploring and drilling.

But seismic surveying and planning is going on behind the scenes, and the Government continues to subsidise the industry in hopes of a 'game changing' discovery sooner or later."

Dr Loomis suggests people shouldn't be lulled into thinking nothing is happening. "With rising concerns over climate change, fresh water, and off-shore drilling, the time was ripe for a vigorous debate about whether oil and gas development should play any part in the economy," he says.



RESEARCH PRESENTATION

Monday 20 February 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, Whirikoka,
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Dr. Terrence Loomis

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Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

20 February

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

Rainbow Warrior III

Greenpeace International's flagship, the Rainbow Warrior III is said to be sailing down the west coast of South America, giving the Chilean port of Coquimbo as its next port of call. The vessel is due to arrive there on 22 February.

However, the vessel has not posted on its Facebook page since it cleared the Panama Canal on 03 February, which is unusual.

Additionally, the vessel's webcam has not been updated since 14 February, and its last terrestrial AIS signal was given on 16 February, which seems odd that it hasn't given a more recent location via AIS (given the vessel's estimated arrival time of 22 February). See image below.

What is also unusual is the fact Greenpeace Chile is not advertising the visit on its Facebook page and a recent comment on the Rainbow Warrior III's Facebook page asking when the ship may next be visiting Chile has gone unanswered.

However, the official news agency for the Cuban Government, Presna Latina, has

reported the vessel is indeed due at Coquimbo on 22 February for "a month to express support for the global campaign Defend Seas at the End of the World."

See: <https://tinyurl.com/jdcsoj4>

Arctic Sunrise

Greenpeace's icebreaker, the Arctic Sunrise, remains tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzijl as it undergoes a major refit which began in November 2016. Greenpeace has not announced when the vessel will be fit for service again, but photographs posted on the vessel's Facebook page of the work being carried out, show that it is indeed major, with the interior completely removed.

The Esperanza

Greenpeace's biggest vessel, the 2067 tonne Esperanza is in the mid-Atlantic and has given its next destination as the port of Praia in Cape Verde off the west coast of Africa. The vessel is due to arrive there about 23 February.



Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

20 February

With the Sea Shepherd Society now taking an interest in the operations of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off the east coast of the North Island, the current location of Sea Shepherd's fleet of protest vessels is relevant to client operations. Sea Shepherd operates considerably more vessels than Greenpeace. The current known locations of these vessels are:

Ocean Warrior

Sea Shepherd's special-built campaign ship, the Ocean Warrior has continued its operations with another Sea Shepherd vessel, the Steve Irwin, in the Southern Ocean conducting protest action against the Japanese summer whaling fleet. It is currently not giving its position.

Steve Irwin

The Steve Irwin remains out of range of terrestrial AIS coverage as it continues to operate against the Japanese whaling fleet in the Southern Ocean with Sea Shepherd's newest vessel, the Ocean Warrior. Sea Shepherd has not given an update on this campaign since 15 February.

Sam Simon

The Sam Simon is not currently giving an up-to-date terrestrial AIS signal, but its Facebook page claims the vessel (see image below) is in the Sea of Cortez near Mexico investigating dolphin deaths.

Brigitte Bardot

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot remains at the Italian Port of Loano, with the vessel's crew being reported to be in Genoa on 19 February protesting in support of animal rights.

Bob Barker

The Bob Barker has not given a location since 26 January, when Sea Shepherd announced that following Operation Albacore, a five-month central west African campaign against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing off Gabon, it was going to lay the vessel up in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria for an undisclosed period of time.



Money 'Wasted' on Oil Companies

19 February

The Green Party has criticised the Government for what it claims is "Wasting more than \$110,000 of taxpayers' money" to attract oil companies that have already decided not to explore here.

The Greens' Energy spokesman says figures sent to him by the Energy Minister reveal that \$111,331 was spent by the Government on marketing and promotions for the most recent block offer for oil exploration last year.

Of that figure, \$42,000 was spent on overseas travel, \$3200 on local travel, and the rest on marketing.

The Greens say given that only one permit was awarded in Block 2016 to New Zealand company, Todd Energy, it "defied belief that so much money would be spent on attracting offshore companies."

"We saw money spent on international travel and promotion that didn't get any result so the Government is literally throwing money down black holes," he said.

"It's clear that exploration has declined massively, we've seen oil manufacturers leave the country, so there's a different global dynamic in 2017 and it's time to get with the times and not relive an old-fashioned glory time."

But the Minister says while only one permit was awarded last year, significant exploration in New Zealand has continued during 2016 and 2017.

"Exploration activity is long-term and the market works in cycles. Fifteen permits were granted in 2014 – including to major international companies like Chevron - and nine permits were granted in Block Offer 2015. The work from these permits will continue for many years to come," she said.

She also pointed out that a major drop in the international price of oil in 2014 means the "response to petroleum permit tenders globally has been subdued compared to previous years".

"The global petroleum industry is now showing signs of recovery, which should bode well for future Block Offers, in time," she said.

However, the Greens' spokesman has responded to this by saying the Minister's comment were simply the "same old spin, different minister."

He claims, "Times have changed even in the last three years so I'd be urging the Government to quit supporting and subsidising the oil industry when there's such a smaller amount of global interest and activity."

He argues that the money would be better spent supporting clean energy. "Instead of reliving the 1960s we could be looking to the future," he says.

However, the Minister says petroleum production made a "Significant contribution to the New Zealand economy", with \$3 billion in royalties to the Crown over the last nine years.

"New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals' spending on promotions is good value for money, considering the potential economic returns. For example, the companies awarded permits in Block Offer 2014 have a committed exploration expenditure of \$110 million," she said.



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Old Greenpeace Post Doing the Rounds

18 February

An old Greenpeace NZ Facebook post saying the Government would have been

better researching possible links between whale deaths and seismic surveying before issuing exploration permits to oil companies operating here, is currently doing the rounds again.

While Greenpeace has taken a restrained position on the recent mass strandings of hundreds of pilot whales at Farewell Spit last week, saying it was unlikely their deaths were as a result of seismic surveying, other opponents to the operations of oil and gas companies have not.

Promoters of this old post (see image below) who are sharing it around Facebook include at least one senior member of the Green Party. The post from February 2015 after a similar tragedy says:

We don't know what caused the mass stranding of pilot whales on Farewell Spit (and there have been many there before) but the seismic testing for deep sea oil that is currently underway nearby could be contributing factor.

Pilot whales are very dependent on sound for feeding, navigation and communication. Evidence from marine scientists around the world suggests that seismic testing could be bad for whales and dolphins. The government should have done research into this before it started issuing permits to big oil companies - but it has not.

This summer an unprecedented amount of seismic testing for deep sea oil is being done in NZ waters (mainly by foreign companies) including the Norwegian oil giant Statoil.

It's happening right now and it has been going on day and night, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for many weeks.

This surveying involves boats on the surface firing powerful pneumatic shock waves (using compressed air guns) into the water and kilometers into the ocean floor. Seismic testing is done over huge areas of ocean and this repetitive seismic explosion can occur every few seconds day and night for weeks or even months on end.

These seismic air guns create intense underwater pressure waves. (If a human diver was directly under one of the survey ships there would be high risk of serious injury or death.)

As you can imagine whales and dolphins are sensitive to this loud noise. Because whales and dolphins depend on sounds waves to navigate, feed, mate and nurture their young they are vulnerable to loud underwater noises and some of the most concerning impacts may be long-term behaviour.

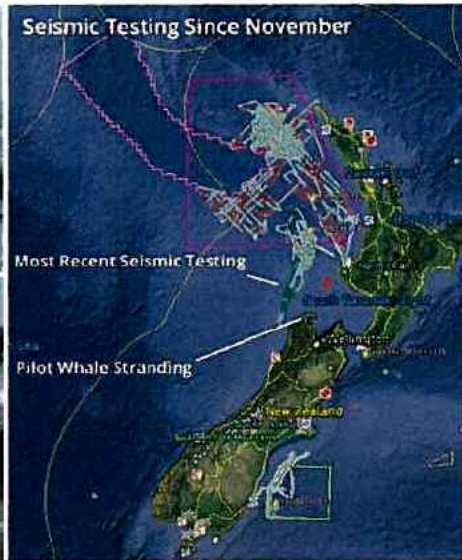
Evidence suggests that impacts could mean whales and dolphins can't hear one

another easily or find food or care for their young (food location and communication involves sonar for many whale and dolphin species including pilot whales). The seismic noise could also cause whales to become distressed and surface too quickly causing painful bends-like symptoms. In extreme cases, it could cause physical damage and may lead to strandings and death.

Under new legislation seismic surveying is a permitted activity in New Zealand – no marine consent is needed and surveys can be carried out within certain guidelines. Statoil is required to submit a Marine Mammal Impact Assessment to the Department of Conservation but this information is not open to public review or challenge.

The Government has just issued a permit for seismic testing and possible drilling right inside the marine mammal sanctuary on the West Coast of the North Island. A sanctuary created specifically to protect the world's rarest dolphin the Maui's. This shows where their priorities lie.

Did seismic testing for oil contribute to the mass whale stranding on Farewell Spit?



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GPNZ Photographing Taranaki Sites

17 February

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner has been in Taranaki this past week and has been photographing some oil and gas sites.

Although he hasn't said why he had made the trip from his Northland base to Taranaki last week, it seems logical to assume he is involved in helping Greenpeace organise the protests that it says it will be staging against the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth next month.

While commenting publicly on Facebook last week on the link between global warming and the Christchurch scrub fire that ravaged so much of the Port Hills, he posted a photograph of an oil and gas site (see image below) he said that he had encountered in Taranaki last week.

He has not named the site, or said why he photographed it. His comment to the post simply said "Spotted in Taranaki today."



Survey Ship's Presence

16 February

The author of a new book on environmental conflict in New Zealand says

seismic surveying off the East Coast by "Schlumberger's ironically-named Amazon Warrior on behalf of Chevron and Statoil sends at least one important message. The petroleum industry hasn't given up on New Zealand or the East Coast, in spite of the slump in global oil and gas markets."

Commenting in an opinion piece in the Gisborne Herald last week, Professor Terry Loomis says some companies have surrendered their permits and left, but a few, "Like TAG have cut costs, focused on maintaining Taranaki production and are holding out for a market rebound."

Professor Loomis, who has just published his book, 'Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand. Texas of the South Pacific', says "TAG certainly hasn't given up on the East Coast. They claimed there could be billions of barrels of potentially recoverable oil and gas on the East Coast, prompting a company spokesperson to coin the phrase Texas of the South."

In the opinion piece, he quotes TAG's CEO as saying TAG plans to return to the East Coast for more exploratory drilling later this year.

"All of this will come as either good news or a dire warning, depending on your political bent," he says. "Economic self-interest, or level of social and environmental consciousness. But one thing all residents of the East Coast should be very concerned about is that, in spite of repeated government assurances, people have much less influence over regional development and resource management decisions than they used to."

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While finding unqualified and inexperienced volunteers to take on the more menial tasks on board is never a problem for Greenpeace, it appears finding more experienced crew to sail the vessels is at the moment.

This may be because Greenpeace laid off the crew of its vessel the Arctic Sunrise while it undergoes a major refit in Holland, and the vessel is now nearing completion and a new crew will shortly be required.

Greenpeace is looking for crew willing to do a three month paid tour of duty. Successful candidates need to hold the appropriate and valid International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers licenses.

There are 20 positions being advertised, from captain to deckhand. Historically, New Zealanders have been popular choices and are frequently appointed.

The advertisement reads:

Ship's Crew Application

Would you like to work on board a Greenpeace ship and be part of the world's leading environmental campaigning organisation? We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers and professionals to crew our ships, willing to work with men and women from all over the world to protect the Global Commons and take calculated risks in furthering our campaigns.

If you have experience at sea and hold the appropriate and valid STCW95 licenses then you can use this online form to apply for a paid position on board our ships.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you would prefer to send us a more detailed application with an attached CV and cover letter, you can either email us at marine.recruitment.int@greenpeace.org or send it via post to:

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Greenpeace International

Otto Helderstraat 5

1066 AZ Amsterdam

The Netherlands

We offer paid three month tours of duty coupled with exciting campaigns. If we cannot offer you an immediate opening we can still keep you on our prospective crew database which we refer to whenever we are in need.

Please note:

You must hold a passport that is valid for at least another 9 months.

It is important that you are comfortable sailing on small ships in a multicultural, mixed gender, risk based environment. You might be required to share a cabin during campaigns.



Dunedin Protest

01 March

In Dunedin this week, the issue motivated group Oil Free Otago, and another group calling themselves Students for Environmental Action at the University of Otago (S.E.A Otago) protested when a delegation from Goldman Sachs visited campus' Hunter Centre for a careers seminar. The protesters were objecting to what they saw as Goldman Sachs funding the controversial Dakota Pipeline in America.

The protesters claim Goldman-Sachs is one of 17 American banks that has consistently invested in fossil fuel expansion.



Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

02 March

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

Rainbow Warrior III

The Rainbow Warrior III has left the Chilean port of Coquimbo and is heading further down the Chilean coast to the port of Valparaiso.

Arctic Sunrise

The Arctic Sunrise remains tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzil undergoing a major refit. Greenpeace has not announced when the vessel will be fit for service again.

The Esperanza

The Esperanza has arrived at the port of Praia in Cape Verde off the west coast of Africa prior to commencing its next campaign, and which will involve helping to combat illegal fishing off the west African coast (see image below).

Esperanza webcam

A new image is uploaded every minute. This page refreshes every 30 seconds.



The webcam from the Greenpeace Esperanza ship.

Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

02 March

With the Sea Shepherd Society also taking an interest in the operations of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off the east coast of the North Island, the current location of Sea Shepherd's fleet of protest vessels is relevant to client operations. The current known locations of Sea Shepherd's vessels are:

Ocean Warrior

Although the MV Steve Irwin has ended its campaign against the Japanese whaling fleet for this season, Sea Shepherd has announced the Ocean Warrior is to continue its operations in the Southern Ocean. It is currently still not giving its position but providing updates via Facebook.

Steve Irwin

The Steve Irwin has departed Dunedin and is currently steaming towards Melbourne. The vessel arrived in Dunedin on 23 February after being at sea chasing Japanese whalers for 83 days. After holding open days at the weekend which proved very popular with the Dunedin public (see photo below) with an estimated 2,000 people visiting the ship, the Steve Irwin departed for Melbourne on 27 February. Sea

Shepherd has said the vessel has concluded its operations against the Japanese whalers for this season.

Sam Simon

The Sam Simon is not currently giving an up-to-date terrestrial AIS signal, but its Facebook page says the vessel is operating in the Gulf of California pulling up illegal fishing nets with another of Sea Shepherd's vessels, the Farley Mowat.

Brigitte Bardot

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot has moved up the Italian coast and is now moored at the Port of Savona.

Bob Barker

The Bob Barker continues to hide its location, but Sea Shepherd has confirmed that for the past three weeks the vessel has been secretly patrolling the waters of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa in a covert operation to tackle illegal fishing. Ten armed Liberian Coast Guard sailors, with the authority to board, inspect and arrest ships violating Liberian law, and two Israeli maritime advisors and conservationists, providing training assistance, have been on board the vessel which has a crew of 20.



Appeal to 'Shut Down Conference'

28 February

Stating, "This is why we must SHUT DOWN the NZ Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth next month," one of the two coordinators of Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has posted to supporters on Facebook a link to the Youtube version of the poem "Dear Matafele Peinem" performed by the Marshall Islands poet Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner, and which received a standing ovation at the 2014 Opening Ceremony of the UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit.

See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJuRjy9k7GA



What's Being said About Seismic Survey

26 February

Two East Coast Maori anti-oil and gas activists, one from Ngāti Porou and the other from Ngāti Kahungunu gave a series of public lectures in opposition to oil and gas exploration during the 2017 Te Matatini National Kapa Festival in Gisborne last week. The festival attracted about 30,000 attendees and participants.

The activist from Ngāti Kahungunu is the captain of the Polynesian voyaging waka Te Matau a Maui who in January this year was part of as Greenpeace protest team that buzzed the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior in a high speed RHIBS.

This is summary of what the two activists have been telling people during their lectures called 'We Are Moana' during the festival:

- Summary of Maori strengths & rights in relation to the Oil & Gas exploration taking place offshore right now.
- A presentation entitled "We are Moana -Tangaroa Nations & Oil & Gas resistance", which refers to the April 2011 Te Whanau Apanui protests against Petrobras, and about TAG Oil in Gisborne and a claim that the protesters "successfully drove them out of town."
- An outline of the regions long history of resistance and protection of our waterways.
- Claims of imperial expansion, corporate empires & extracting resources and relation of this to Statoil's current operations in New Zealand.
- International control of oil, Military operations, Winston Churchill, Iraq (Anglo Persian Petroleum Company).
- Discussion on patterns of Indigenous displacement, Militarily Enforced operations, Govt/Ruling body has facilitative relationship with Oil & Gas.
- Survivors (we are still here), Innovative actions to protect our spaces, Achieved success "through being true to who we are and remembering the legacy of our ancestors."
- An outline of Statoil/Chevron permits – size of survey, size of vessel, block offer etc. & how Iwi objected.
- Photographs of the Amazon Warrior shown and an explanation of the Amazon Warrior, and what seismic surveying is. Volume of the sound waves and comparison with decibel levels that cause human deafness & likens to the volume of a space shuttle.
- Impacts of seismic surveys: on migratory paths of whales/fish (allegedly fish having hearing damaged when they're 300 kms away from the seismic survey).
- Ecosystem wide claimed alleged impacts, affects cetacean/invertebrate reproduction & causes mass stranding's of squid! And of course she referred to the recent mass stranding at Farewell Spit.
- Impacts on their customary fishing rights & traditional lifestyles which are guaranteed to Maori through United Nations and Human Rights.
- Claim that drilling is linked to earthquakes and discloses depths of proposed drilling.
- Claim local Maori have said no in the consultation process and object to Statoil's presence here and defend our seabed.
- Discussion on potential actions: sign-making workshops, spread the word,

climate litigation.

See: www.facebook.com/teikaroadeffence/posts/1019536911523075



Appeal Goes Out to Protest

25 February

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland Climate Campaigner, who is one of the principal organisers of protests planned against the upcoming 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth, has sent out this public reminder for people to protest at what activists are calling the ". His open letter reads:

Life on Earth is under threat by a global climate emergency. What we do over the next few years will decide how bad this will be. One of the major causes is the fossil fuel industry.

Rather than prevent new exploration for oil in Aotearoa the government is opening up our deep oceans for exploration.

Regardless of who you vote for in the next election the next government is likely to proceed with drilling irrespective of what the minor parties want. Faced with this recklessness, we have no choice but to act in unison, and take direct action against the industry in order to protect the future for our children and mokopuna.

Every year overseas oil company officials come to Aotearoa to attend an oil industry promotion event whereby government officials roll out the red carpet to reassure the companies that they are welcome. And every year we mobilise on the conference to

tell them that they're not.

Over the last couple of years these conferences have been held in Auckland. But because our opposition has been building in numbers they have decided to shift the venue to Taranaki to avoid the heat.

Its important that we keep turning it up. Join us in 4 weeks time! 21st - 23rd March.

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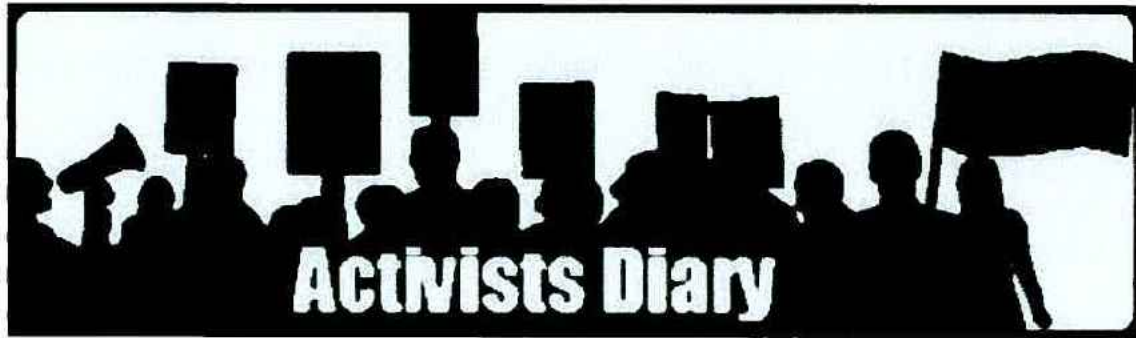
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Protest Against Support Ship

21 February

Members of the Greenpeace-aligned issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington conducted another protest against the presence in the Capital of the support vessel Maria G which working with the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off the east coast of the North Island.





Petroleum Conference Protest Training

04 March 2017

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington has announced it is holding a training day in Non Violent Direct Action tactics for people wanting to protest in New Plymouth next month against the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference. In a post on its Facebook page on 15 February, Oil Free Wellington said, "Come along and learn about the history, the where, the why and the what of non-violent direct action. There'll be practical roleplay exercises, discussion on the history of NVDA, and a shared lunch." This training is being held at the Newton Community Centre on 04 March at noon.



Petroleum Conference Protest

22-23 March 2017

A number of issue motivated groups led by Greenpeace NZ are organising protest against this year's New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth, 22-23 March 2017.

Greenpeace says, "The 'People's Climate Rally' at the 2017 Petroleum Conference in

Taranaki will include peaceful protest, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds who support a world without fossil fuels.

"The 'People's Climate Rally' is being organised by Taranaki locals and other groups working on climate change, fracking, oil and gas drilling, and social justice. Organising groups include Climate Justice Taranaki, Frack Free, Oil Free Wellington, Greenpeace and 350 Aotearoa." Greenpeace has released a YouTube video promoting the protest.

See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvwjcmN5sE>



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