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## Weekly Situation Report

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### Oil & Gas Activism



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## Council Expects Fight Over Oil & Gas

### 08 March

This week the Chairman of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council has acknowledged that plans by the council to prohibit oil and gas exploration will not only be controversial, but likely to result in what he termed would be "a hell of a fight" with the petroleum sector.

Last year the Hawke's Bay Regional Council agreed to progress a prohibition of oil and gas exploration activities within productive aquifers, aquifer recharge zones, and surface water bodies through a standalone plan change.

Recently received preliminary legal advice indicates the council would be empowered under the Resource Management Act (RMA) to proceed with such a plan change provided it has clear, robust justifications and evidence to do so.

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Production Association New Zealand in the coming weeks to understand what was proposed, and why.

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This meant there was a lot at stake for the sector, he said, and he expected them to be very active throughout the process. A paper before council noted the plan change would have "direct implications" on current budget finances or resources.

The council's Chairman says the council knew their course of action would be controversial, but felt they would make a stand and not be intimidated by perceived threats from outside the region.

"There might be a cost to standing our ground, and we will face that when that comes to it but we have very strong community support on this and we should carry on," he is reported as saying.

This matter is scheduled to go to the full council for confirmation on 29 March.



## **Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships**

**08 March**

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

### **Rainbow Warrior III**

The Rainbow Warrior III is .

### **Arctic Sunrise**

No change. 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 is cruising off the coast of Mauritania helping to combat illegal fishing off the west African coast (see image below).



## Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

### 08 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**

Sea Shepherd's newest vessel the Ocean Warrior has completed its role in Operation Nemesis, Sea Shepherd's 11th whale defence campaign and has docked at Perth for post-operation demobilization.

#### **Steve Irwin**

The Steve Irwin has arrived at the port of Melbourne and has concluded its operations against the Japanese whalers for this season after 90 days at sea.

#### **Sam Simon**

The Sam Simon is continuing to operate 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 is now moored at Genoa, Italy, and open for public tours.

#### **Bob Barker**

The Bob Barker is continuing to patrol the waters of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa in Operation Sola Stella to tackle illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing off the coast of West Africa. 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, are on board the vessel which has a crew of 20 (see photo below).

Sea Shepherd earns itself international 'brownie points' by providing its vessels to Third World countries which do not have the maritime resources to patrol its fisheries.



## Police Apply for Road Closures

**07 March**

A decision to seek two days of road closures in central New Plymouth during this month's NZ Petroleum Conference has been done because of concerns for public safety related to planned protests, says the Taranaki Police.

The Police and the New Plymouth District Council have applied to close roads around the venue of the annual New Zealand Petroleum Conference that is expected to be attended by hundreds of industry delegates from New Zealand and around the world.

Greenpeace NZ says the organisation plans to protest outside the conference, which is being held in New Plymouth for the first time from 21-23 March. Protesters blocked access to the conference in Auckland last year, preventing some delegates from getting in. A similar tactic is expected from the protesters again this year.

The road closure would see Devon Street West between Egmont Street and Robe Street, as well as King Street between Egmont Street and Queen Street, shut off to road traffic from 6.30am on Wednesday 22 March until 5pm the next day.

New Plymouth Police confirm safety is an issue. There will also be an increased Police presence in the city in response to information that there would be protesters at the conference.

The Police say while they respect the protesters rights to protest, they hoped the protesters would respect the rights of New Plymouth people.

Greenpeace NZ has responded to the publicity surrounding the road closures with a comment on its Facebook page saying, "Looks like there's going to be lots of people protesting against oil at the International Oil Conference later this month ... are you with us?"

Greenpeace NZ's climate campaigner for oil and gas says the protest was being organised with local groups under the People's Climate Rally banner.

"We are not anticipating there will be any trouble. We haven't been approached by the police or council but it's great they are being flexible and making safety a priority," she said.

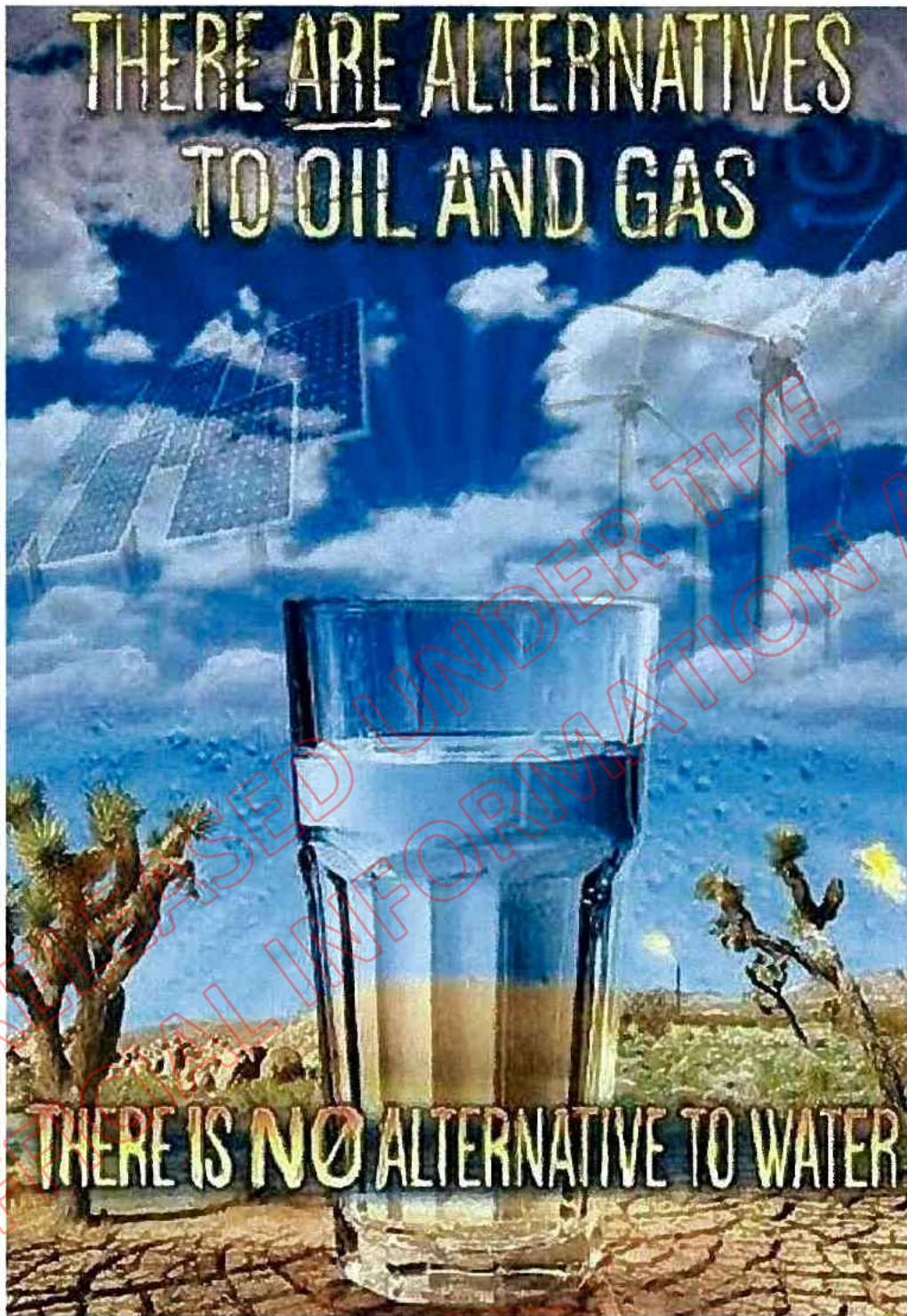
She added that the plan for the protest was to be safe and respectful with some, "peaceful civil disobedience" thrown in. It would be a family friendly affair, with workshops, speakers and music, she added.



## 'No Alternative to Water'

**06 March**

The Facebook group 'Deep Sea Oil Free NZ' has posted the image below on its page reminding people "there is no alternative to water", attracting 17 likes.



## **Greenpeace Promotes Protest**

**06 March**

Greenpeace NZ has posted this image below of one of the walls at its Auckland head



offices on its Facebook page promoting planned protests against this month's NZ Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth, 21-23 March.

Greenpeace claims it has received "loads of new registrations" from people wanting to join the protests. The post has received more than 70 likes.

A website set up by 11 issue-motivated groups supporting the protests called 'The People's Climate Rally' has published the following itinerary of how the protests will be structured over the three days of the conference.

This says there will be a tour of operational sites by the protesters on 21 March, and a blockade and protests at the conference venue on 22 March.

### **Tuesday 21 March**

WELCOME DAY

Ōwae marae, Waitara

12pm Fracking Tour – departs from the Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth

1:45pm Arrive at Marae

2:30pm Powhiri

4:30pm NVDA Training

7:30pm Communal dinner followed by Karakia and Korero

### **Wednesday 22 March**

Rally & Blockade Day

Robe Street Park, New Plymouth

Music

Speakers

Entertainment

Information

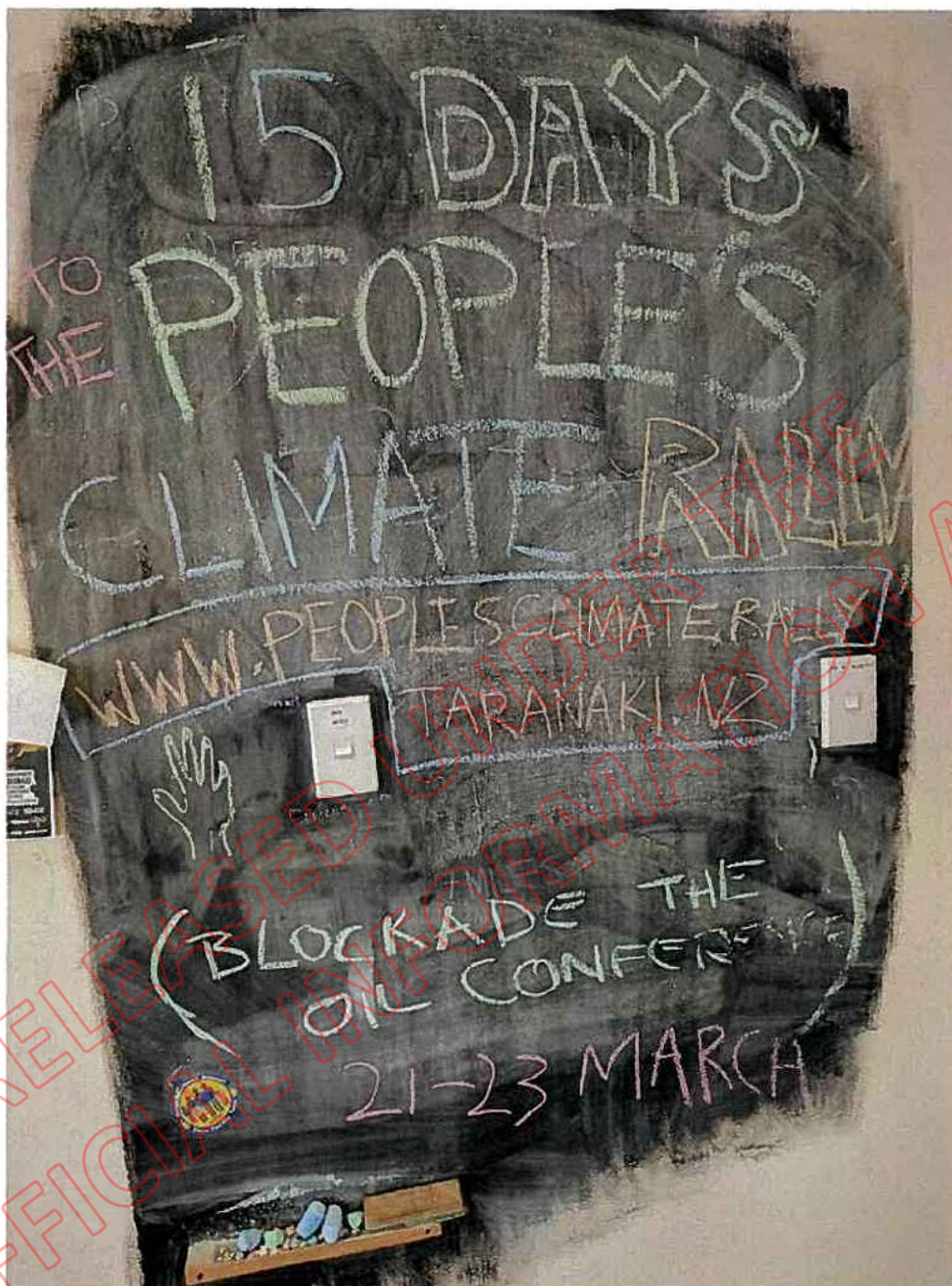
Protest

### **Thursday 23 March**

Day of Solutions

Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth

10.30am – 5pm A solution focused day of speakers and workshops exploring how we can make a just transition to a cleaner society. With talks and workshops from Dr Terrence Loomis, Al Yates of Ecotricity, Jeannette Fitzsimons & Joanna Santa Barbara, The Pacific Panthers and more...



## Iwi Goes 'Hunting' for Survey Ship

**06 March**

The North Island east coast iwi Ngāti Kahungunu has announced that it is sending its tribal ocean going waka 'Te Matau a Māui' to protest against the survey vessel Amazon Warrior. It is the second such waka to approach the vessel (see item

below).

The iwi has begun online funding to cover the cost of this protest, and so far has raised just over \$2250 of the \$8,000 target it needs.

In an explanation on the givealittle crowd funding website, the iwi-aligned, issue-motivated group Te Ikaroa says, "Te Matau a Māui is purpose built to carry the voices of whānau, hapū and iwi across the moana and take the fight to the Amazon Warrior, our way - kanohi ki te kanohi face to face

"Te Matau a Māui will lead a non-violent direct action flotilla to bear down on the Amazon Warrior. But we need your help. It is extremely difficult to track, intercept and confront The Beast which has relied upon being out of sight and out of mind.

"Te Ikaroa is asking the public to support Te Matau a Māui to sail to the Amazon Warrior. Operating a double-hulled voyaging canoe, while low impact on the environment is a high financial cost. It takes many years to fundraise for any expedition. Unfortunately, there is no time. The harm that the Amazon Warrior is causing on the environment is happening now.

"We need your help. Please help send this ocean warrior, Te Matau a Māui to hunt The Beast.

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# HELP TE MATAU A MĀUI HUNT "THE BEAST"



Please donate to send Te Matau a Māui to hunt "The Beast", the Amazon Warrior

The Amazon Warrior is currently seismic blasting the waters off the East Coast of the North Island between Napier and Wellington. The sound blasts are so loud that they disturb, injure or kill marine life. These blasts are repeated every 10 seconds, 24hrs a day for weeks.

Hapū and iwi of Ikaroa-Rawhiti have opposed deep sea drilling at every opportunity. The Amazon Warrior has refused to come ashore so now it's time to take the fight to them our way, kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face.

Traditional Māori voyaging canoe, Te Matau a Māui (Ngāti Kahungunu) will lead a non-violent direct action flotilla to stop the Amazon Warrior. But we need your help.

Please help protect Tangaroa. Please send Te Matau a Māui to fight "The Beast".  
Please donate.

[givealittle.co.nz/mataamaui](http://givealittle.co.nz/mataamaui)



## Help Te Matau a Māui hunt "The Beast"

Cause page created in the Environment category by Te Ikaroa Defence for 'Te Matau a Māui Voyaging Trust'

Hawkes Bay

OVERVIEW

UPDATES

DONATIONS 77

FUNDRAISERS

GALLERY

Q&A



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**ADD TO PLAN**

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Donor validated	✓
New Zealand registered charity	✗
Eligible for tax credit	✗

## Protesters Claim Stern Warning Given

**06 March**

East Coast iwi and hapu opposed to the presence of the survey vessel Amazon Warrior claim to have given the vessel and its crew a "stern warning" for it to leave NZ waters.

This message was given last week to the survey vessel via a traditional Māori voyaging waka. The press release put out by the activists says:

"Last Friday 03 March, the waka Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti (Tauranga), enroute to Rekohu (Chatham Islands), delivered a message on behalf of the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti to the Amazon Warrior, which is currently blasting the sea floor in search of oil 60 nautical miles off the East Coast of New Zealand, near Porangahau, Central Hawkes Bay.

"A renowned Māori waka navigator and captain of Ngahiraka, (Tauranga Moana, Ikaroa Rāwhiti) highlighted the environmental concerns of seismic blasting on the marine life and called for the Amazon Warrior to stop your work and depart immediately.

"And in response to the action by Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti, a environmentalist of

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti said, the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti have been clear in their opposition to oil and gas at every given opportunity.

"Our customary rights as the indigenous people of this coastline are violated by this activity and it's only right that our traditional ocean voyaging whanau are carrying our voices across the moana for us.

"They carry the mana of our ancestors who have lived with the ocean for millennia - and the message they carry reflects that mana: We are the ocean people, we will defend our seabed, and you are not welcome here.

Seismic testing is a process carried out through airgun blasts into the water to find oil and gas deep underneath the ocean floor. The airguns are so loud that they disturb, injure or kill marine life, harm commercial fisheries, and disrupt coastal economies. These blasts are repeated every ten seconds, 24 hours a day, for days and weeks at a time.

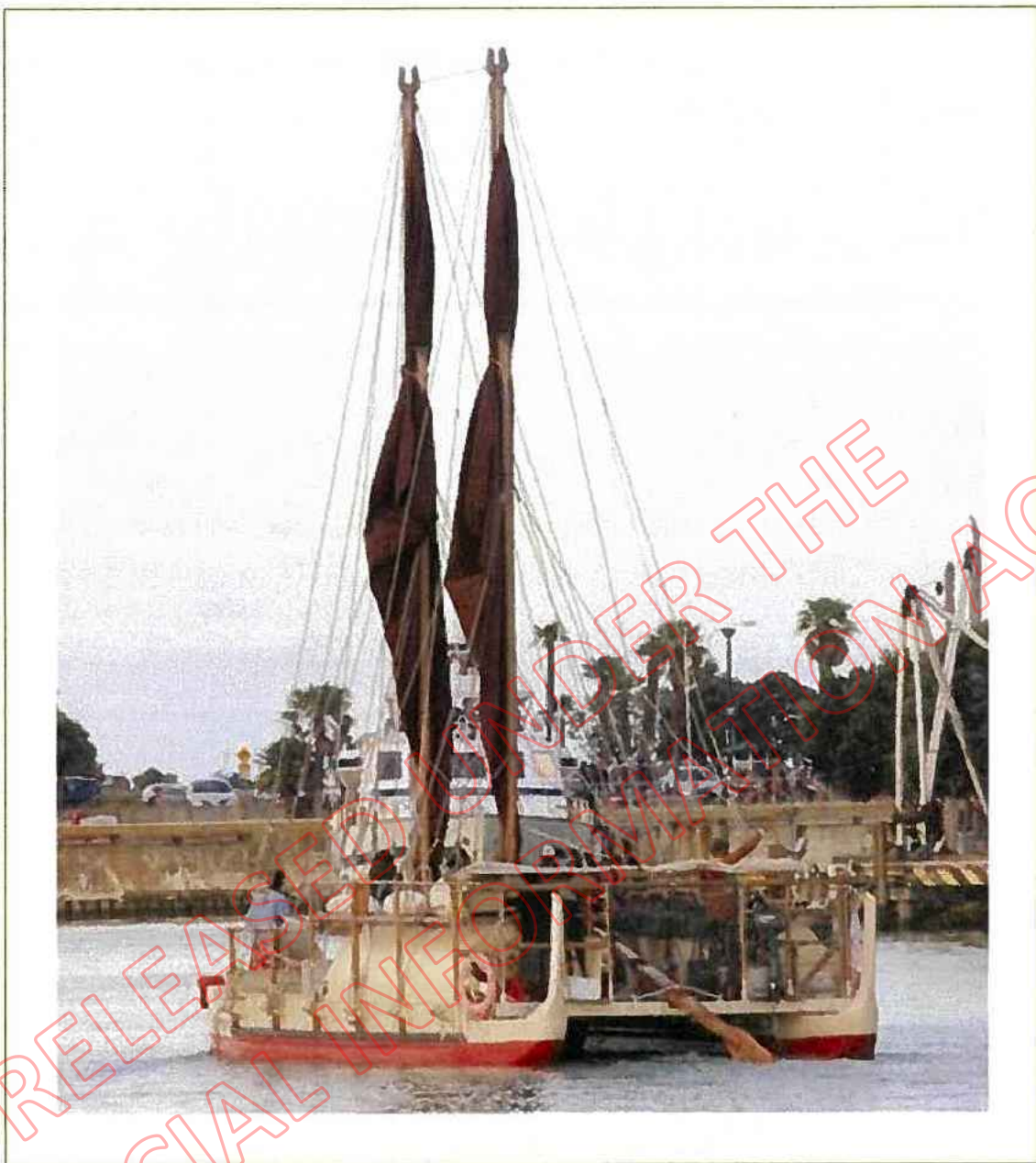
"The Amazon Warrior is in New Zealand conducting seismic blasting on behalf of oil companies Statoil and Chevron, who were awarded a permit to explore from Wellington to Napier until May 2017.

"The Amazon Warrior has completed testing off the coast of Wairarapa and Napier and is now blasting off Porangahau.

"Opposition to oil exploration and deep sea oil drilling is growing in New Zealand with protests expected from environment activists both onshore and offshore including the People's Climate Rally at the upcoming oil industry Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth in March.

"On January 13th 2017, you were issued a warning by the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti that you are not welcome in our waters. Your work is destructive to these waters, your work is destructive to the creatures of these waters. The seismic blasting you are doing is destructive to this environment.

"This is a further warning to you, and to Statoil and Chevron - The indigenous peoples of these waters, the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti have you in their sight. We request you stop the work you are doing and depart immediately."



## Activist Gives a Personal Account

**06 March**

A Taranaki activist who lives in Tikorangi, and who has been a longstanding critic of the oil and gas industry, has published a piece in the Taranaki 'Frack Off' exhibition by local artists and writers at New Plymouth's JD Reid Gallery.

Known for her family' expansive local gardens, she writes that she has in fact not posted about the petrochemical development for some time.

She writes is this is not because it has gone away. Rather, she says, it became a situation where she had to change her personal coping strategies.

Being asked to contribute a piece of writing for the 'Frack Off' exhibition was a poignant experience, focusing her thoughts on what has happened in the area she calls home and the extent of the personal impact, she says.

She writes, "I live in a place more beautiful than I ever dreamed possible. It is also a place that is now in the evacuation zones for two separate well sites and not so far from another dozen sites on this side of the river. Fracking and petrochemical development is very personal for me. I live with it day and night. Every day and every night.

"From 2012 to 2014, I worked with others campaigning for better management of rampant petrochemical development, fighting to save what remains of pre-industrial Tikorangi, the area where I live. It nearly broke me.

"My adult daughter sent me an iPod so I could listen to music and shut out the environmental noise when outdoors, as I am most days. How ironic that one of my favourite tracks was the original version of 'Ring of Fire' at a time when we often had only one quadrant of the night sky that was not lit up by gas flares.

"Oddly, it was a single word – solastalgia\* – that enabled me to refocus my life and to learn how to live with the changes beyond our garden boundary. Naming a condition is a remarkably powerful tool and the discovery of solastalgia made me realise I was not over-reacting or going mad. I was in grief, desolated even.

"I circled the wagons and looked inwards. Moving is not an option for us. The family roots go very deep here, back to 1870. Quite simply, this is our place to stand.

"Petrochem is a sunset industry exploiting a finite resource. I hope I live long enough to see the day the companies exit Tikorangi. But if I am not alive, others will be resident in this place where I currently live.

"They will see the return of dark nights, unlit by the burning of gas flares and high intensity site lighting. They will listen to the return of silence – the absence of huge volumes of heavy transport, generators priming up to frack, the underlying roar of the gas flare, the sound of a drilling rig, the frequent helicopters and all the clamour that accompanies the fossil fuel industry.

"Beyond the boundaries of our property, Tikorangi has changed forever, despite our efforts from 2012. The raising and strengthening of the roads for heavy transport has removed any vestige of usable road verge.

"The many installations above ground may be removed - the well sites and the pumping stations with their hostile security fencing, maybe even the high-tension pylons and lines. But the network of pipelines below ground, crisscrossing almost every local road and at times running the length of the road beneath the seal, will



presumably remain.

"None of us can know the long term impact of frequent fracking and deep well reinjection. Will the contaminants find their way closer to the surface? We have to hope that the companies and regulators are correct when they claim it is safe but this is recent technology and the bottom line is that nobody knows," she writes.

# FRACK OFF



"Bad Fracking News for Muppet Neighbourhood"

[grahamkirk.com](http://grahamkirk.com)

## Taranaki Artists and Writers

Opening Sunday March 5th 3 pm - until March 26th

Music by the Fractured Frackers from 4.30 pm



The JD Reid Gallery

33a Devon St. West, New Plymouth

## Non-Violent Direct Action Training

05 March

The issue-motivated group Oil Free Otago held a Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) training day in Dunedin last Sunday, with a special emphasis on training people planning on travelling to New Plymouth later this month to protest at the NZ Petroleum Conference.

The protests in New Plymouth outside the conference are being organised by a coalition of issue-motivated groups, including Oil Free Otago.

Last Sunday's training session at Knox Church centred around the group making travel plans to travel to New Plymouth by road, collecting other South Island activists as they go. It also involved a briefing on what people could expect at the protests, plus some training in protest tactics in "peaceful disruption."

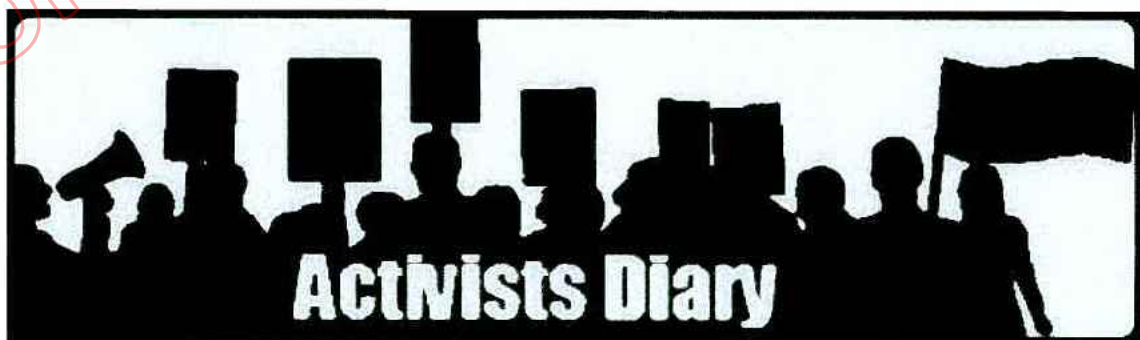


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Info and NVDA Training session - People's  
Climate Rally

Public - Hosted by Oil Free Otago



## Petroleum Conference Protest

**22-23 March 2017**

About a dozen 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=MvwicMeN5sE>



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1. An event, threat, or activity is very unlikely.	LOW (Green) 1-2	<b>Normal Response</b> Routine Protective Security measures are applied appropriate to the circumstances.
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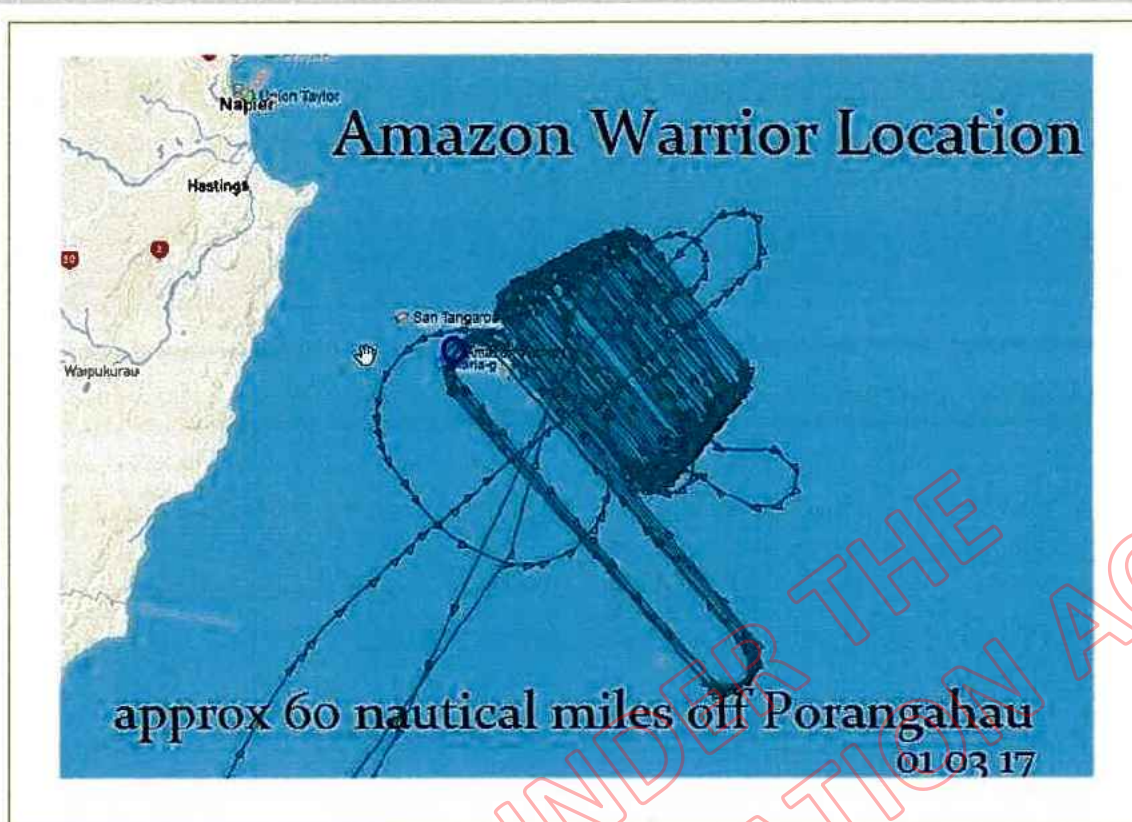
### Online Hatred Directed at Survey Ship

**08 March**

A Facebook post by the anti-oil and gas North Island issue-motivated group Te Ikaroa giving a pictorial location of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior (see image below), and appealing for donations to fund protests against it, has incited online threats to bomb the ship.

Responding to a post from the group yesterday saying, "The Amazon Warrior is blasting the waters off Porangahau, Central Hawkes Bay right now. Will you help protect the ocean? Please donate to send Te Matau a Māui to protect our waters," some of the group's supporters have responded with comments which include:

- *Should be SUNK, To hell wid dea ass'z...where are the frogs when you need them...Aye...Not a Rainbow but an Amazon but definitely NOT a warrior...F\*\*K OFF...*
- *Bomb that boat, causing earthquakes for oil, get the fark out of here.*



## Industry Lecture Targeted for Protest

**08 March**

Members of the issued-motivated group 350 Christchurch disrupted a presentation at Canterbury University this week by an oil industry scientist who was speaking to students about job prospects in the industry (see photo below).

A retired petroleum geologist, Professor Peter Lloyd, was asked to speak to geology students at the University of Canterbury yesterday about career choices, but instead was confronted and disrupted by activists accusing him of being a climate change denier because of his position of vice president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, a group that has been sceptical of the link between climate change and human activities. His career has included roles at BP and Schlumberger, plus academic ones as well.

The lecture, which was open to the public, discussed ways new technology was helping extract more oil than thought possible and promoted the petroleum industry as a viable career option for young people.

The lecture did not talk about environmental issues, but painted an optimistic picture of the petroleum industry's future and expressed scepticism about renewable energy sources. "We were being told in the media 15 years ago that all the oil was going to

be gone in 15 years," he said. "This looks like a very sustainable, long-term business we've got ourselves into ... you're looking at 2035 before you start dropping beneath today's [oil] production rates."

He said the petroleum industry needed younger voices and would provide career opportunities for decades to come.

The issue-motivated groups Generation Zero and 350 Aotearoa have both criticised the university's decision to invite Professor Lloyd to speak to the students and attacked it for refusing to divest its investment portfolio from fossil fuels, as the University of Otago and Victoria University of Wellington have done.

A small group of protesters attended the lecture, holding signs while dressed in Victorian-era clothing posing as members of the Canterbury chapter of the International Flat Earth Society, which seeks to liken climate change denial to the fringe-conspiracy theory that the Earth is flat.

While the activist did not like the lecture being held, the university has responded by saying it had a legislated role to be the critic and conscience of society and valued freedom of expression.

Professor Lloyd will give a lecture at Victoria University of Wellington next week, and where another protest is expected.



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He said the petroleum sector had not previously contested the council prohibiting such activities in certain areas, however the wider the prohibition meant "the precedent just gets bigger and bigger" he said.

This meant there was a lot at stake for the sector, he said, and he expected them to be very active throughout the process. A paper before council noted the plan change would have "direct implications" on current budget finances or resources.

The council's Chairman says the council knew their course of action would be controversial, but felt they would make a stand and not be intimidated by perceived threats from outside the region.

"There might be a cost to standing our ground, and we will face that when that comes to it but we have very strong community support on this and we should carry on," he is reported as saying.

This matter is scheduled to go to the full council for confirmation on 29 March.



## Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

### 09 March

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

#### **Rainbow Warrior III**

The Rainbow Warrior III is continuing its cruise down the west coast of South America, and is currently bound for the Chilean port of Ancud. It is currently making about 7 knots under sail and today was logged at Latitude / Longitude: -40.59018° - 74.34476° but has not given an estimated arrival time at the port. The Rainbow Warrior III appears to be engaged in an official Greenpeace campaign to save the oceans and fisheries at the "bottom of the world" - a euphemism in this case used by Greenpeace for the oceans around Patagonian.

See: <https://act.greenpeace.org/page/6104/action/1>

#### **Arctic Sunrise**

No change. The Arctic Sunrise remains tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzijl undergoing a major refit. Greenpeace has not announced when the vessel will be fit for service again.

#### **The Esperanza**

The Esperanza is cruising off the coast of Mauritania helping to combat illegal fishing off the west African coast (see image below).



The Rainbow Warrior is bound for Ancud, Chile 2017-03-08

The webcam from the Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior ship.

## Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

### 09 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.

It appears Sea Shepherd's operations in this part of the world have ended for the season, which may lower the risk of protest, although it is noted two of their main vessels are now lying idle in Australian ports.

The current known locations of Sea Shepherd's vessels are:

#### **Ocean Warrior**

Sea Shepherd's newest vessel the Ocean Warrior has completed its role in Operation Nemesis, Sea Shepherd's 11th whale defence campaign and has docked at Perth for post-operation demobilization.

#### **Steve Irwin**

The Steve Irwin has arrived at the port of Melbourne and has concluded its operations against the Japanese whalers for this season after 90 days at sea.

### **Sam Simon**

The Sam Simon is continuing to operate in the Gulf of California pulling up illegal fishing nets with another of Sea Shepherd's vessels, the Farley Mowat.

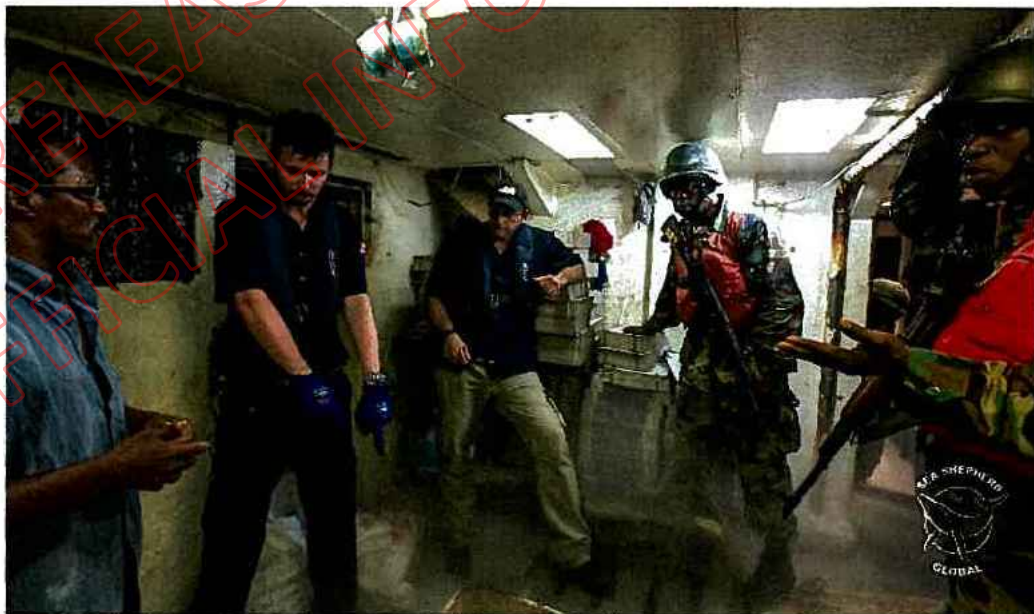
### **Brigitte Bardot**

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot is now moored at Genoa, Italy, and open for public tours.

### **Bob Barker**

The Bob Barker is continuing to patrol the waters of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa in Operation Sola Stella to tackle illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing off the coast of West Africa. 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, are on board the vessel which has a crew of 20 (see photo below).

Sea Shepherd earns itself international 'brownie points' by providing its vessels to Third World countries which do not have the maritime resources to patrol its fisheries.



## **Police Apply for Road Closures**

## 07 March

A decision to seek two days of road closures in central New Plymouth during this month's NZ Petroleum Conference has been done because of concerns for public safety related to planned protests, says the Taranaki Police.

The Police and the New Plymouth District Council have applied to close roads around the venue of the annual New Zealand Petroleum Conference that is expected to be attended by hundreds of industry delegates from New Zealand and around the world.

Greenpeace NZ says the organisation plans to protest outside the conference, which is being held in New Plymouth for the first time from 21-23 March. Protesters blocked access to the conference in Auckland last year, preventing some delegates from getting in. A similar tactic is expected from the protesters again this year.

The road closure would see Devon Street West between Egmont Street and Robe Street, as well as King Street between Egmont Street and Queen Street, shut off to road traffic from 6.30am on Wednesday 22 March until 5pm the next day.

New Plymouth Police confirm safety is an issue. There will also be an increased Police presence in the city in response to information that there would be protesters at the conference.

The Police say while they respect the protesters rights to protest, they hoped the protesters would respect the rights of New Plymouth people.

Greenpeace NZ has responded to the publicity surrounding the road closures with a comment on its Facebook page saying, "Looks like there's going to be lots of people protesting against oil at the International Oil Conference later this month ... are you with us?"

Greenpeace NZ's climate campaigner for oil and gas says the protest was being organised with local groups under the People's Climate Rally banner.

"We are not anticipating there will be any trouble. We haven't been approached by the police or council but it's great they are being flexible and making safety a priority," she said.

She added that the plan for the protest was to be safe and respectful with some, "peaceful civil disobedience" thrown in. It would be a family friendly affair, with workshops, speakers and music, she added.

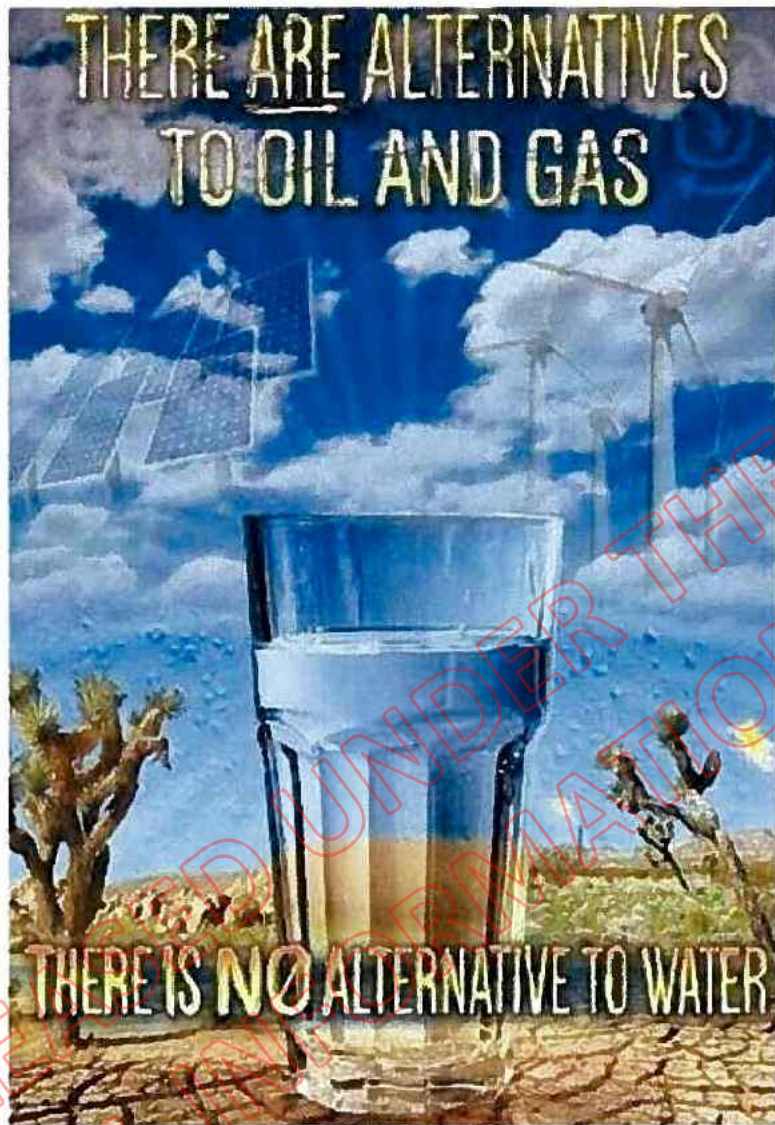


## 'No Alternative to Water'

**06 March**

The Facebook group 'Deep Sea Oil Free NZ' has posted the image below on its page reminding people "there is no alternative to water", attracting 17 likes.

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## Greenpeace Promotes Protest

**06 March**

Greenpeace NZ has posted this image below of one of the walls at its Auckland head offices on its Facebook page promoting planned protests against this month's NZ Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth, 21-23 March.

Greenpeace claims it has received "loads of new registrations" from people wanting to join the protests. The post has received more than 70 likes.

A website set up by 11 issue-motivated groups supporting the protests called 'The People's Climate Rally' has published the following itinerary of how the protests will be structured over the three days of the conference.

This says there will be a tour of operational sites by the protesters on 21 March, and a blockade and protests at the conference venue on 22 March.

### **Tuesday 21 March**

WELCOME DAY

Ōwae marae, Waitara

12pm Fracking Tour – departs from the Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth

1:45pm Arrive at Marae

2:30pm Powhiri

4:30pm NVDA Training

7:30pm Communal dinner followed by Karakia and Korero

### **Wednesday 22 March**

Rally & Blockade Day

Robe Street Park, New Plymouth

Music

Speakers

Entertainment

Information

Protest

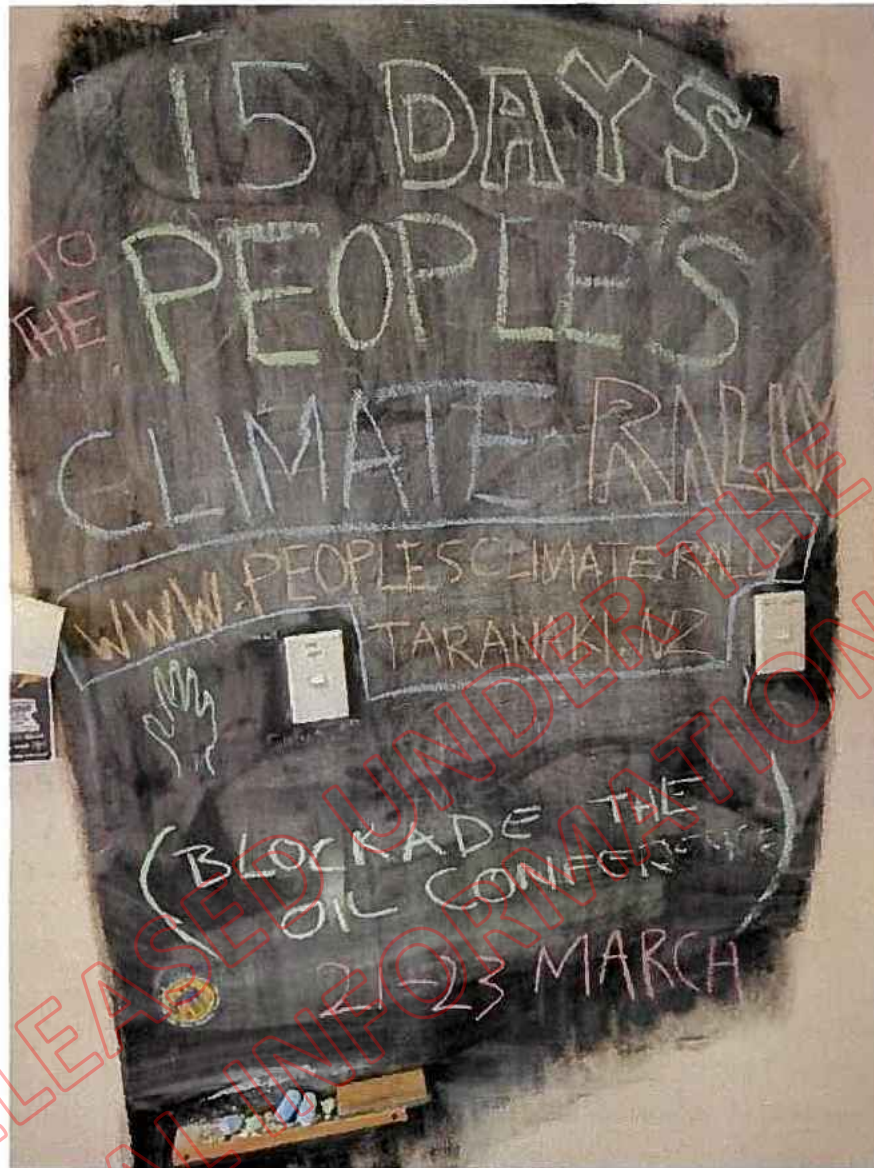
### **Thursday 23 March**

Day of Solutions

Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth

10.30am – 5pm A solution focused day of speakers and workshops exploring how we can make a just transition to a cleaner society. With talks and workshops from Dr Terrence Loomis, Al Yates of Ecotricity, Jeannette Fitzsimons & Joanna Santa Barbara, The Pacific Panthers and more...





## Iwi Goes 'Hunting' for Survey Ship

### 06 March

The North Island east coast iwi Ngāti Kahungunu has announced that it is sending its tribal ocean going waka 'Te Matau a Māui' to protest against the survey vessel Amazon Warrior. It is the second such waka to approach the vessel (see item below).

The iwi has begun online funding to cover the cost of this protest, and so far has raised just over \$2250 of the \$8,000 target it needs.

In an explanation on the givealittle crowd funding website, the iwi-aligned, issue-

motivated group Te Ikaroa says, "Te Matau a Māui is purpose built to carry the voices of whānau, hapū and iwi across the moana and take the fight to the Amazon Warrior, our way - kanoahi ki te kanoahi face to face

"Te Matau a Māui will lead a non-violent direct action flotilla to bear down on the Amazon Warrior. But we need your help. It is extremely difficult to track, intercept and confront The Beast which has relied upon being out of sight and out of mind.

"Te Ikaroa is asking the public to support Te Matau a Māui to sail to the Amazon Warrior. Operating a double-hulled voyaging canoe, while low impact on the environment is a high financial cost. It takes many years to fundraise for any expedition. Unfortunately, there is no time. The harm that the Amazon Warrior is causing on the environment is happening now.

"We need your help. Please help send this ocean warrior, Te Matau a Māui to hunt The Beast.

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# HELP TE MATAU A MĀUI HUNT "THE BEAST"



Please donate to send Te Matau a Māui to hunt "The Beast", the Amazon Warrior.

The Amazon Warrior is currently seismic blasting the waters off the East Coast of the North Island between Napier and Wellington. The sound blasts are so loud that they disturb, injure or kill marine life. These blasts are repeated every 10 seconds, 24hrs a day for weeks.

Hapū and iwi of Ikaroa-Bawhiti have opposed deep sea drilling at every opportunity. The Amazon Warrior has refused to come ashore so now it's time to take the fight to them our way, kanohi ki te kanohi, face to face. Traditional Māori voyaging canoe, Te Matau a Māui (Ngāti Kahungunu) will lead a non-violent direct action flotilla to stop the Amazon Warrior. But we need your help.

Please help protect Tangaroa. Please send Te Matau a Māui to fight "The Beast".  
Please donate.

[givealittle.co.nz/mataamaui](http://givealittle.co.nz/mataamaui)



## Help Te Matau a Māui hunt "The Beast"

Cause page created in the Environment category by Te Ikaroa Defence for "Te Matau a Māui Voyaging Trust"

Hawkes Bay

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This cause page was created on 01 Mar 2017 and closed at 23:59 NZST (UTC +12:00) on 01 Apr 2017.

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Eligible for tax credit	✗

## Protesters Claim Stern Warning Given

### 06 March

East Coast iwi and hapu opposed to the presence of the survey vessel Amazon Warrior claim to have given the vessel and its crew a "stern warning" for it to leave NZ waters.

This message was given last week to the survey vessel via a traditional Māori voyaging waka. The press release put out by the activists says:

"Last Friday 03 March, the waka Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti (Tauranga), enroute to Rekohu (Chatham Islands), delivered a message on behalf of the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti to the Amazon Warrior, which is currently blasting the sea floor in search of oil 60 nautical miles off the East Coast of New Zealand, near Porangahau, Central Hawkes Bay.

"A renowned Māori waka navigator and captain of Ngahiraka, (Tauranga Moana, Ikaroa Rāwhiti) highlighted the environmental concerns of seismic blasting on the marine life and called for the Amazon Warrior to stop your work and depart immediately.

"And in response to the action by Ngahiraka Mai Tawhiti, a environmentalist of

Ikaroa-Rāwhiti said, the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti have been clear in their opposition to oil and gas at every given opportunity.

"Our customary rights as the indigenous people of this coastline are violated by this activity and it's only right that our traditional ocean voyaging whanau are carrying our voices across the moana for us.

"They carry the mana of our ancestors who have lived with the ocean for millennia - and the message they carry reflects that mana: We are the ocean people, we will defend our seabed, and you are not welcome here.

Seismic testing is a process carried out through airgun blasts into the water to find oil and gas deep underneath the ocean floor. The airguns are so loud that they disturb, injure or kill marine life, harm commercial fisheries, and disrupt coastal economies. These blasts are repeated every ten seconds, 24 hours a day, for days and weeks at a time.

"The Amazon Warrior is in New Zealand conducting seismic blasting on behalf of oil companies Statoil and Chevron, who were awarded a permit to explore from Wellington to Napier until May 2017.

"The Amazon Warrior has completed testing off the coast of Wairarapa and Napier and is now blasting off Porangahau.

"Opposition to oil exploration and deep sea oil drilling is growing in New Zealand with protests expected from environment activists both onshore and offshore including the People's Climate Rally at the upcoming oil industry Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth in March.

"On January 13th 2017, you were issued a warning by the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti that you are not welcome in our waters. Your work is destructive to these waters, your work is destructive to the creatures of these waters. The seismic blasting you are doing is destructive to this environment.

"This is a further warning to you, and to Statoil and Chevron - The indigenous peoples of these waters, the people of Ikaroa Rāwhiti have you in their sight. We request you stop the work you are doing and depart immediately."



## Activist Gives a Personal Account

**06 March**

A Taranaki activist who lives in Tikorangi, and who has been a longstanding critic of the oil and gas industry, has published a piece in the Taranaki 'Frack Off' exhibition by local artists and writers at New Plymouth's JD Reid Gallery.

Known for her family's expansive local gardens, she writes that she has in fact not posted about the petrochemical development for some time.

She writes this is not because it has gone away. Rather, she says, it became a situation where she had to change her personal coping strategies.

Being asked to contribute a piece of writing for the 'Frack Off' exhibition was a poignant experience, focusing her thoughts on what has happened in the area she calls home and the extent of the personal impact, she says.

She writes, "I live in a place more beautiful than I ever dreamed possible. It is also a place that is now in the evacuation zones for two separate well sites and not so far from another dozen sites on this side of the river. Fracking and petrochemical

development is very personal for me. I live with it day and night. Every day and every night.

"From 2012 to 2014, I worked with others campaigning for better management of rampant petrochemical development, fighting to save what remains of pre-industrial Tikorangi, the area where I live. It nearly broke me.

"My adult daughter sent me an iPod so I could listen to music and shut out the environmental noise when outdoors, as I am most days. How ironic that one of my favourite tracks was the original version of 'Ring of Fire' at a time when we often had only one quadrant of the night sky that was not lit up by gas flares.

"Oddly, it was a single word – solastalgia\* – that enabled me to refocus my life and to learn how to live with the changes beyond our garden boundary. Naming a condition is a remarkably powerful tool and the discovery of solastalgia made me realise I was not over-reacting or going mad. I was in grief, desolated even.

"I circled the wagons and looked inwards. Moving is not an option for us. The family roots go very deep here, back to 1870. Quite simply, this is our place to stand.

"Petrochem is a sunset industry exploiting a finite resource. I hope I live long enough to see the day the companies exit Tikorangi. But if I am not alive, others will be resident in this place where I currently live.

"They will see the return of dark nights, unlit by the burning of gas flares and high intensity site lighting. They will listen to the return of silence – the absence of huge volumes of heavy transport, generators priming up to frack, the underlying roar of the gas flare, the sound of a drilling rig, the frequent helicopters and all the clamour that accompanies the fossil fuel industry.

"Beyond the boundaries of our property, Tikorangi has changed forever, despite our efforts from 2012. The raising and strengthening of the roads for heavy transport has removed any vestige of usable road verge.

"The many installations above ground may be removed - the well sites and the pumping stations with their hostile security fencing, maybe even the high-tension pylons and lines. But the network of pipelines below ground, crisscrossing almost every local road and at times running the length of the road beneath the seal, will presumably remain.

"None of us can know the long term impact of frequent fracking and deep well reinjection. Will the contaminants find their way closer to the surface? We have to hope that the companies and regulators are correct when they claim it is safe but this is recent technology and the bottom line is that nobody knows," she writes.

# FRACK OFF



"Bad Fracking News for Muppet Neighbourhood" [grahamkirk.com](http://grahamkirk.com)

## Taranaki Artists and Writers

Opening Sunday March 5th 3 pm - until March 26th  
Music by the Fractured Frackers from 4.30 pm



The JD Reid Gallery  
33a Devon St. West, New Plymouth

## Non-Violent Direct Action Training

### 05 March

The issue-motivated group Oil Free Otago held a Non-Violent Direct Action (NVDA) training day in Dunedin last Sunday, with a special emphasis on training people planning on travelling to New Plymouth later this month to protest at the NZ Petroleum Conference.

The protests in New Plymouth outside the conference are being organised by a coalition of issue-motivated groups, including Oil Free Otago.

Last Sunday's training session at Knox Church centred around the group making travel plans to travel to New Plymouth by road, collecting other South Island activists



as they go. It also involved a briefing on what people could expect at the protests, plus some training in protest tactics in "peaceful disruption."



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### Info and NVDA Training session - People's Climate Rally

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## Activists Diary

### Petroleum Conference Protest

**22-23 March 2017**

About a dozen 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.

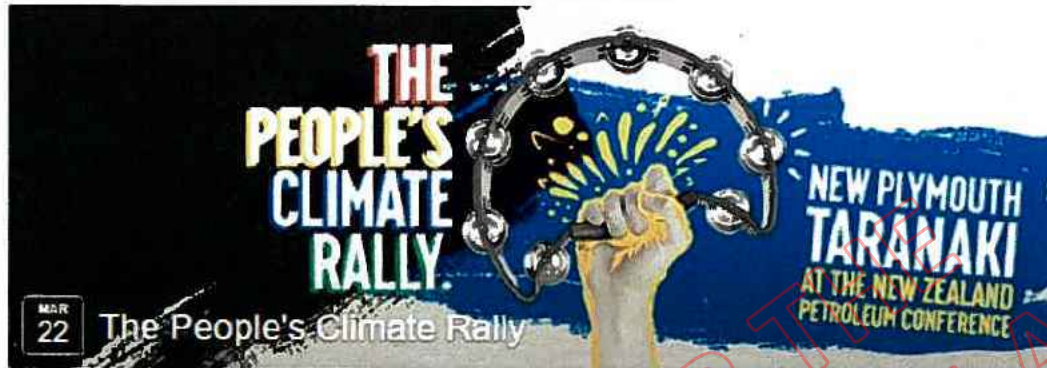
Greenpeace says, "The 'People's Climate Rally' at the 2017 Petroleum Conference in Taranaki will include peaceful protest, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds who support a world without fossil fuels.

"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=MvwjicMeN5sE>



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3. An event, threat or activity is likely.	ELEVATED (Yellow) 5-6	<b>Heightened Response</b> Sustainable Protective Security measures reflecting the nature of the risk without causing undue hardship or effecting operational capability.
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### Oil & Gas Activism



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### Threat Level

The assessed level of threat from issue-motivated group (IMG) activism and protest directed towards oil and gas industry clients is currently assessed at **MODERATE** (Code Blue) for onshore operations, and also **MODERATE** (Code Blue) for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry-related operations, particularly when in port and because of protest events surrounding the NZ Petroleum Conference this month.

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.

## Explanation

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

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### Greenpeace Raises \$80K in a Week

#### 14 March

The power of Greenpeace New Zealand's pull on its supporters' purse strings has been illustrated, when it has shown an ability to raise almost \$80,000 in a week to buy a new protest boat (see photo below) to target offshore seismic surveying.

On 09 March, Greenpeace NZ announced it was crowd funding to raise \$80,000 to buy a bigger protest boat to confront Schlumberger's seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior, which is currently operating off the east coast of the North Island.

By 14 March, it had raised \$78,433, with only about \$1500 to go to reach its target of \$80,000.

It appears Greenpeace NZ has been able to raise this amount so quickly because its VIP supporter Hollywood actress Lucy Lawless and a wealthy couple who wish to remain anonymous have agreed to match the donations dollar-for-dollar until the target of \$80,000 is raised.

Greenpeace appears to accept the sea conditions and distance is against it using its existing small fleet of rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIBs) to protest again. It has its eye on a 15-metre, seven-berth, former pilot launch, which with a "bit of a tidy" Greenpeace says will do the job.

In an appeal to supporters to help it buy the launch, Greenpeace NZ says, "We've already been out once to confront The Beast. We delivered a 'cease and desist' message on behalf of 80,000 people, but we weren't able to stay out for long in our small inflatables - they just couldn't handle it. But with this new boat, we will be able to take more people and stay out there longer to send a message loud and clear to big oil that they are not welcome."

Greenpeace says it will be running an open application process for crew for the new protest vessel and will ask donors to choose a name for the vessel and the activity is, "part of a widespread campaign to kick Statoil and Chevron out of New Zealand."

A worrying aspect about the purchase is the fact Greenpeace NZ has other larger and existing vessel options it could use to protest against the Amazon Warrior.

These include the historic protest yacht Vega which Greenpeace used to protest against the drill ship Noble Bob Douglas in November 2013. Greenpeace NZ is also known to have previous access to several large ketches, whose owners are sympathetic to their cause.

A possible explanation for Greenpeace NZ purchasing its own vessel for this forthcoming protest is that the organisation is planning on breaching the Amazon Warrior's Non-Interference Zone and doesn't wish to see a supporter's vessel impounded or confiscated by the authorities.

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## HELP BUY THE PEOPLE'S BOAT



**We're gonna need a bigger boat!**  
40 years ago a handful of people took a rusty old boat called the Phyllis Cormack into a nuclear test zone in Amchika, Alaska. Their bold action sparked the global movement that is Greenpeace today.

Today climate change threatens our very survival. Yet the oil industry is greedily searching off New Zealand's precious coast for oil the world can't afford to burn. With 'The Beast', the biggest seismic ship in the world, Statoil and Chevron are blasting the ocean, every 8 seconds, all day every day.

We've already been out and confronted The Beast with our inflatable boat the Margaret Mahy. We delivered a message on behalf of all New Zealanders who oppose this reckless industry.

**But to effectively continue our protest action - WE'RE GOING TO NEED A BIGGER BOAT!**

So we need to buy one. Now. But we can't afford to without your help!

Please help to make this crazy dream possible - chip in whatever you can and become part of The People's Boat - together we can take them on.

\$78,433

Target \$80,000

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The 15-metre former pilot launch Greenpeace New Zealand has raised almost \$80,000 to purchase to send out to protest against the survey vessel Amazon Warrior.



**But Iwi Struggles to Raise the Money**

**14 March**



Meanwhile, however, while it takes Greenpeace NZ only a week to raise the \$80,000 it needs to buy a bigger protest vessel, East Coast Maori are struggling to find a paltry \$8,000 by comparison so the Ngāti Kahungunu iwi can send its ocean going waka out to also protest against the Amazon Warrior.

Despite an online campaign which has been running for several weeks, Ngāti Kahungunu is struggling to even reach half of what it says it hopes to raise to fund the protest. Currently it has raised just under half of the money it says it needs.

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**GRAB A WIDGET**

Climate Conservation Marine

E nga mana, e nga rau, e nga hauora e hika ma,

Te Matau a Maui is a double-hulled ocean going voyaging canoe that resides in Te Matau a Maui (The Hawkes Bay). She is owned and cared for by the people of Ngāti Kahungunu and a wider waka family. Te Matau a Maui is also a teacher, a historian and a voice for Tangaroa (Maori god of oceans) she has an important role in protecting the ocean, she is an ocean warrior.

The waters of Te Matau a Maui and Te Ikaroa (East Cape - Wellington) are under threat. The world's largest seismic survey vessel, the Amazon Warrior ("The Beast") is currently conducting seismic blasting in Te Ikaroa to test for oil. Seismic blasting is extremely harmful to fragile ocean environments and ocean creatures. The sound blasts are so loud that they

## Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

### 14 March

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### **14 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 location of Sea Shepherd's fleet of protest vessels is relevant to client operations.

It appears Sea Shepherd's operations in this part of the world have ended for the season, which may lower the risk of protest, although it is noted two of their main

vessels are now lying idle in Australian ports. The current known locations of Sea Shepherd's vessels are:

### **Ocean Warrior**

The Ocean Warrior is tied up at Perth for post-operation demobilization.

### **Steve Irwin**

The Steve Irwin is tied up at Melbourne for post-operation demobilization.

### **Sam Simon**

The Sam Simon is continuing to operate in the Gulf of California against illegal fishing with another of Sea Shepherd's vessels, the Farley Mowat.

### **Brigitte Bardot**

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot remains at Genoa, Italy, and open for public tours. More than 300 people visited the ship last weekend.

### **Bob Barker**

The Bob Barker is continuing supporting enforcement actions by armed Coast Guard marines of the Republic of Liberia, West Africa, in Operation Sola Stella to tackle illegal fishing off the coast of West Africa (see image below).



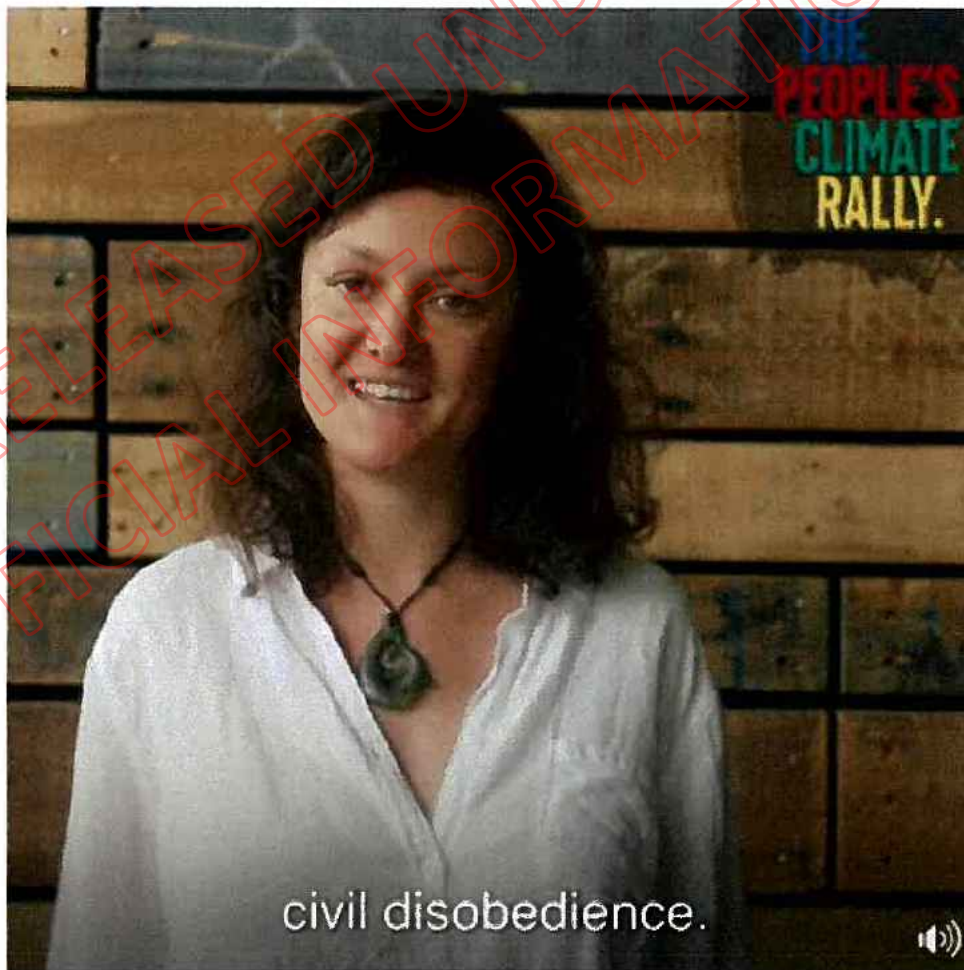
**Greenpeace Pushing Civil Disobedience**

## 13 March

Greenpeace NZ has released a series of short Facebook videos where its staff and supporters urge people to travel to Taranaki next week to "put their bodies on the line" and engage in civil disobedience at the NZ Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth.

Meanwhile, Greenpeace NZ's Maori Liaison Officer says he has been in Taranaki drumming up support for next week's protests against the conference.

On 10 March, he posted this message to his 5000+ Facebook friends, "One minute we get crippling droughts because its so hot here and in Australia and then the resulting warm air sucks up more moisture into the clouds and so boom catastrophic floods. This is climate change in action and its only going to get worse. I'm in Taranaki preparing for the People's Climate Rally where we will be putting the burn on the oil companies whom are the source of the problem."

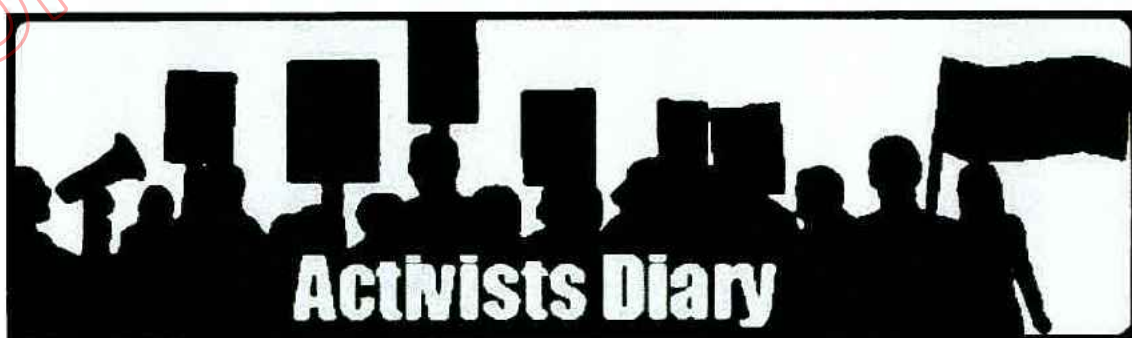


## Protest Training for Taranaki

**11 March**

An Auckland-based issue motivated group calling itself the Pacific Panther Network says on 11 March it organised a training day for people wanting to go to New Plymouth next week and protest against the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference.

It is believed about eight people attended this event, based on an event Facebook page set up by the group. The photo below shows the attendance at another recent event organised by this group, which appears based in South Auckland and adheres to revolutionary politics.



## Divestment Protest Relauched

**15 March 2017**

The Auckland University campus-based climate group Fossil Free AoU is hold an awareness day at the university called 'Divestment 101' to outline to supporters how it plans to escalate protests to force the university to divest from investment in fossil fuels. The group says this will involve an introduction to its campaign and what fossil fuel divestment is all about, and an interactive workshop about its strategy for this semester, and the ways that people can get involved.

The group has already made several unsuccessful attempts to convince the university's council to divest.



## Council Divestment From Fossil Fuels

**21 March 2017**

The climate issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa is urging its supporters to attend next Tuesday's meeting of the Auckland Council, where the council will consider divesting any council investments in coal and oil and gas.

350 Aotearoa claims the council has "around \$15 million invested in fossil fuel companies such as ExxonMobil and Anadarko." A spokeswoman for 350 Aotearoa says, "If it's wrong for these companies to cook the climate, then it's wrong for Auckland Council to be a part of it."

350 Aotearoa has been lobbying councillors to support the vote to divest and has been running an online petition in favour of divestment, which has however only collected 1121 signatures in 12 months.

**OUR COUNCIL IS INVESTED IN COAL, OIL + GAS**

IT'S TIME FOR AUCKLAND COUNCIL TO CLEAN UP THEIR INVESTMENTS. THIS MONTH, COUNCIL DECIDES WHETHER OR NOT TO STOP FUNDING CLIMATE CHANGE  
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## Petroleum Conference Protest

**22-23 March 2017**

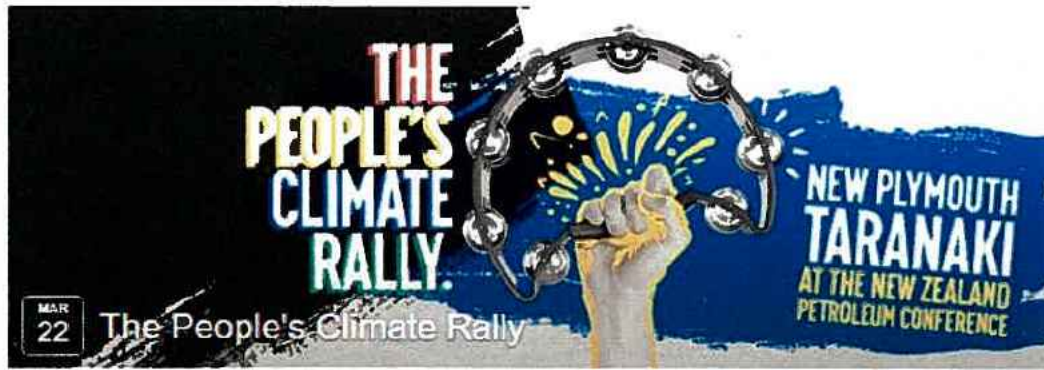
About a dozen issue motivated groups led by Greenpeace NZ are organising protest against this year's New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth, 22-23 March 2017.

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=MvwjcmE5sE>



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## NZ Petroleum Conference - Protest & Direct Action Update #2

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Please note that Nick Thompson (T+C Director) will be in attendance at the Conference for assistance as required <sup>s 9(2)(a)</sup>

## Recent updates - Monday 20 March 2017, 21:00 hours

- Greenpeace New Zealand are advertising that there are still a few transport spots left from Auckland, Hamilton & Palmerston North. The first buses leave tomorrow morning (Tuesday).
- Oil Free Wellington now have additional space for extra protesters in their transport.
- The 'Give a Little' campaign has raised \$3,164 to date with funds dedicated exclusively towards covering the costs of transport, accommodation and food for participants.
- There have been recent calls on social media 'not to attack the Police' and to 'convince the Police we are not the enemy' during the protests.
- The event website indicates that they are strongly advocating Non-Violent Direct Action Principles (NVDA).
- Numbers remain at 232 supporters indicating their attendance at the protests via the Facebook event page with a further 536 expressing their interest in the event. This indicator however is historically unreliable and numbers may fluctuate over the course of the 3 days as day-trippers come and go.
- The Taranaki Artists and Writers Exhibition "Frack Off" continues daily from 11am until 23 March at the JD Reid Gallery, 33a Devon St West.
- In addition to the programme below there is also a planned 'Wall of Noise' scheduled to occur outside the Conference Dinner at TSB Stadium on Wednesday evening (22 March).
- Current Programme follows:

# THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE RALLY

NEW PLYMOUTH, TARANAKI 21ST - 23RD MARCH 2017

The oil industry has scarpered to Taranaki for their annual conference and it's our job to disrupt it. 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 powered by clean energy.

**Tuesday**  
**WELCOME DAY**  
Ōwae marae, Waitara

12pm Fracking Tour – departs from the Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth

1:45pm Arrive at Marae

2:30pm Powhiri

4:30pm NVDA Training

7:30pm Communal dinner followed by Karakia and Korero

**Wednesday**  
**Rally & Blockade Day**  
Robe Street Park, New Plymouth

8am onwards

- Music
- Speakers
- Entertainment
- Information
- Protest

**Thursday**  
**Day of Solutions**  
Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth

10.30am – 5pm A solution focused day of speakers and workshops exploring how we can make a just transition to a cleaner society

With talks and workshops from [Dr Terrence Loomis](#), [Al Yates of Ecotricity](#), [Jeannette Fitzsimons & Joanna Santa Barbara](#), [The Pacific Panthers](#) and more... *stay tuned*

Marae accommodation & a number of billets are available. Come for 1, 2 or all 3 days as you like! Bring your friends, partners, brothers, boss, workmates – and spread the word far and wide!

Taranaki Artists and Writers Exhibition "Frack Off" opens daily at 11am with gallery talks at 1 & 7pm on 20 - 23 March. JD Reid Gallery, 33a Devon St West. Info: [Grahamkirk.com](http://Grahamkirk.com)

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## Recent Updates - Tuesday 21 March 2017, 14:00 hours

- Protesters have been posting photos to social media of themselves inside minibuses this morning as they head to New Plymouth
- Attendance numbers are still indicated on the event page as 235 plus 544 interested in taking part
- The first 'Gaslands' tour of operational sites has taken place this morning but number of protesters was low and limited to one vehicle
- An additional night fracking tour of local operations has been added to the programme of events scheduled to take place at 7pm on Wednesday evening
- A Facebook post indicates that at some point during the protests, protesters will use molasses as mock oil (usually to smear over themselves in a symbolic gesture)
- Greenpeace NZ are sharing their promotional video far and wide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2waZA4HJWg&feature=youtu.be>
- Te Ikaroa (the Iwi group currently opposed to East Coast Seismic operations) have posted a polite message to the oil industry this morning (see panel below)

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**Te Ikaroa - Defending our Waters** shared  
Greenpeace New Zealand's event.

2 hrs · 🌐

A polite word to the oil industry gathered in Taranaki today  
The People of Aotearoa are about to make things very very uncomfortable for you. We suggest you depart quickly!  
From Te Tairāwhiti (the Eastern border) we send our thoughts to Te Taihauāuru (the Western border) To The People's Climate Action Conference who meet at Owae Marae this afternoon.  
Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui, strength and courage to you all.



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**The People's Climate Rally**

Mar 21 - Mar 23 · Devon St W and Robe ...  
542 people interested · 239 people going

✓ Interested ▾

A friend was just standing near some oil execs on their way to the conference, who were talking about tomorrow, getting worried about our blockade and hoping there won't be many of us. We've got em' scared!  
See you there 😊😊

Above comment was posted to Facebook this morning by an Oil Free Wellington activist - please be careful what you say outside the venue, the walls have ears!

**People's Climate Rally Press Release**

For those that haven't seen yesterday's press release from the organisers, here's the full text:

*Groups ready to disrupt oil summit in New Plymouth*

March 20, 2017

Press Release - The People's Climate Rally

People from all over Aotearoa are gathering in Taranaki from Tuesday to begin The Peoples Climate Rally, which aims to blockade the NZ Petroleum Conference at the TSB Showplace.

The annual oil conference has been moved to Taranaki after previously facing escalating protests in

Wellington and Auckland, including thousands taking to the streets, and crowds blockading last year's SkyCity venue.

At the conference this year, the Government will be announcing the 2017 Block Offer for gas and oil exploration.

The People's Climate Rally spokesperson, Emily Tuhi-Ao Bailey, says the protests will highlight what is going on behind closed doors.

"Over half a million square kilometres of land and sea have been put up for grabs for these destructive industries to survey, drill, extract and dump toxic waste into so they can produce materials that are killing the planet," she says.

"Government and corporations have been driving us down a short-term path of resource extraction that benefits the rich while destroying the planet and community. Oil was first drilled here in the 1860s after the land wars began. We have a history of resisting colonisation here in Taranaki, and these oil and gas companies, like their predecessors, will continue to be resisted.

"The climate science is clear: We can't keep burning fossil fuels if we have any hope of stopping climate change. This recent economic strategy of take, make and waste is pure madness. These resources are running out. There are no jobs on a dead planet. We need communities with real vision of a sustainable future to take the power back.

"The People's Climate Rally has been organised by a coalition of groups from here in Taranaki and across Aotearoa, to disrupt the conference, showcase real solutions and make sure that this is the generation that ends oil. Together with thousands of people worldwide, we can stop this ecological devastation and work together to create a fair and sustainable future."

On Tuesday, 21 March, the People's Climate Rally starts at 2:30pm at Ōwae Marae in Waitara with a pōwhiri and nonviolent direct action training.

On Wednesday 22 March, a day of action begins at 8am at the Clock Tower on Devon Street West, with protest, music and speakers on climate change, fossil fuel extraction and social justice.

Thursday 23 March is a Day of Solutions, starting at 10.30am with demonstrations of hybrid and electric vehicles and bikes in Huatoki Plaza. Talks and workshops with author Dr Terrence Loomis, Coal Action Network's Jeanette Fitzsimons and Parihaka Pā Renewable Energy Project researchers will be at the Senior Citizens Hall at 27 Liardet Street.

Thursday's highlight will be the public forum: Just Transition off Fossil Fuels - Can we do it? Panellists include Rosemary Penwarden (co-author of Jobs After Coal), Michael Lawley (Taranaki renewable energy engineer), Al Yates (Ecotricity), John Earney (Avonstour Heritage Organic Farm), Melina Laboucan-Massimo (Lubicon Cree First Nation), Te Tui Shortland (Director of Te Kopu), Greg Skipper (ex-oil driller/fracker) and Sarah Roberts (Taranaki Energy Watch).

Taranaki Artists and Writers Exhibition "Frack Off" is open daily at 11am with gallery talks at 1pm & 7pm on 20 - 23 March. JD Reid Gallery, 33a Devon St West.

All are welcome. More details at [www.peoplesclimaterallytaranaki.nz](http://www.peoplesclimaterallytaranaki.nz)



# PROGRAMME

## **TUESDAY THE 21ST OF MARCH: WELCOME DAY** @ Ōwae Marae, Waitara

- 12:00pm - 1:30pm Fracking Tour departs from the Senior Citizens Hall, New Plymouth
- 2:30pm Pōwhiri
- 4:30pm Nonviolent Direct Action Training
- 7:30pm Communal dinner

## **WEDNESDAY THE 22ND OF MARCH: RALLY & PROTEST DAY**

- 06:15am Nonviolent Direct Action briefing @ Huatoki Plaza, Devon St W
- 8am onwards: People's Climate Rally meet @ Clock Tower, Devon St West: Peaceful protest, workshops and entertainment for people of all ages and backgrounds who support a world powered by clean energy.
- Followed by debrief & a relaxed evening of music @ The Senior Citizens Hall
- 6:30pm Wall of Noise protest at Gala dinner @ TSB Stadium, Rogan St
- 7pm Night fracking tour with Fiona Clark, departs from Senior Citizens Hall

## **THURSDAY THE 23RD OF MARCH: DAY OF SOLUTIONS** @ Senior Citizens Hall • 10:30 - 5pm

- Talks and workshops in Room 1
- Mobilisation room: A space to meet, chat, network and plan in Room 2
- Refreshments & time-out area in Room 3
- Electric car display, tours and talks @ Huatoki plaza
- 10:30am Talk & Discussion *Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand: research findings and implications* Dr Terrence Loomis, independent researcher and Visiting Research Scholar in the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies at Victoria University
- 11:30am Talk *Taiepa Tiketike: Sustainable Energy Research at Parihaka Papakāinga* Josh Curd, Massey University masters student & Tihikura Hohaia project research assistant
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1pm Talk *The Way Forward* Al Yates: Director of Ecotricity
- 1:45pm Talk *Our Climate Declaration. A People's Movement for Climate Action* Jeannette Fitzsimons: citizen activist and former Green Party co-leader, Joanna Santa Barbara: retired Canadian child psychiatrist, peace movement activist, & Pat Baskett: retired Herald feature writer and Okura Long Bay protection campaign activist.
- 2:30pm Forum *A Just Transition from Fossil Fuels: Can We Do It?* Chair - Michael Self: previous local District Concillor, community activist, organic tutor and actor; Rosemary Penwarden: Coal Action Network Aotearoa representative; Michael Lawley: local Renewable energy engineer; Al Yates: director of Ecotricity; John Earney: local organic farmer; Melina Laboucan-Massimo: Lubicon Cree First Nation member and a Climate and Energy Campaigner with Greenpeace Canada; Te Tui Shortland - Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Raukawa: Director of Te Kopu, Pacific Indigenous & Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction; Greg Skipper: ex-oil driller and fracker turned CleanAz Taranaki Spring Water owner; Sarah Roberts: Taranaki Energy Watch.
- 4pm *Karanga Tangaroa* A pasifika callout out to stand with us @ Moturoa Beach as we call to Tangaroa in a spirit of resistance against those exploiting and destroying our lands; and a ceremonial closing of The People's Climate Rally.

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### Oil & Gas Activism



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### Threat Level

The assessed level of threat from issue-motivated group (IMG) activism and protest directed towards oil and gas industry clients is currently assessed at **MODERATE** (Code Blue) for onshore operations, and also **MODERATE** for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry-related operations, particularly when in port and because of protest events surrounding the NZ Petroleum Conference this month.

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 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.

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### **200 Protesters Expected at Conference**

#### **21 March**

The organisers of this week's protests against the New Zealand Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth claim they have received registrations from more than 200 people wanting to protest.

To help ensure the protests will be peaceful, the organisers say they held a training session in non-violent direct action techniques at the Owae Marae, near Waitara, on 21 March (see photo below).

A spokeswoman for the protesters, who ironically in 2012 was sentenced to nine month's home detention after being found guilty of six firearms offences for her alleged involvement in an alleged domestic terrorist group, told the Taranaki Daily News, "It's training people how to protest without using violence and without using abusive language. Just to maintain our calm. Protests can be difficult situations and helping people to know how to respond if someone throws abuse at us and how to remain calm."

Hateful verbal abuse, physical aggression, and property damage won't be accepted by the organisers, she said.

On Wednesday and Thursday there will be two zones - the red zone, which is the

protest area and the green zone - open from 8am until 5pm - which would have stalls, workshops, speakers and things for children, she said.

"It should be a good couple of days. There are heaps of groups and more groups coming who are not officially part of the coalition." Thursday is all about solutions, she added.

"So that's speakers and workshops at the Senior Citizens Hall. And at the Huatoki Plaza there will be electric cars and electric bikes, so people can have a look and ask questions."

The Police have asked the New Plymouth District Council to close off the road for safety reasons. The road closure would see Devon Street West between Egmont Street and Robe Street, as well as King Street between Egmont Street and Queen Street, shut off to road traffic from 6.30am on Wednesday 22 March until 5pm Thursday.



## **Protesters Again Close Hawera Court**

### **21 March**

The Hawera District Court was forced to close for a short time this week after noisy and disruptive supporters of seismic survey protesters again forced a judge to order the court cleared.

Supporters of people facing charges from the aftermath of a riot outside the court in March last year again caused a disruption when one of the defendants refused to enter the dock and her mother (who had herself been the subject of previous

charges and disruptions) again caused a ruckus at court.

The woman had to be physically removed from the courtroom by security guards and the doors locked after she became disruptive in the public gallery in support of her daughter, who herself was refusing to enter the dock to a charge of assault stemming from a riot a year ago outside the court when her mother faced charges of stealing seismic survey pegs belonging to Shell Todd Oil Services in 2015 (see photo below).

The woman herself was eventually found not guilty of the charge in December, but not before her daughter also got embroiled in the affair by allegedly assaulting a police officer during a protest at one of her mother's several court appearances.

While the woman was ejected from the court this week, her daughter was sent to the police cells by the judge to cool her heels until she agreed to cooperate with the court process - something she eventually agreed to do and was then remanded until 02 May.

The whole matter began in 2015 when the mother and another Taranaki woman were charged with stealing the survey pegs belonging to STOS. A judge however 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 two women, who disputed STOS' right to conduct the survey, say children had in fact taken the pegs. They also denied charges of another count of theft of seismic survey pegs on a different occasion, and of trespass and behaving threateningly, relating to different occasions. Their appearances at court were always accompanied by members of their hapu, who also behaved disruptively on occasions.



## 'Frack Off' Exhibition Offers Alternative

### 20 March

As the NZ Petroleum conference gets underway in New Plymouth this week an art exhibition is highlighting an alternate point of view.

The 'Frack Off Exhibition,' featuring Taranaki artists, photographers and writers, will also host 'Now We're Talking', a series of speakers and discussions.

All the works in the exhibition are very contemporary and which are said tells the whole story about pollution in the air and the land, so every part of this expression is the feelings and emotions about it, says the organiser

There are 27 exhibits, from about 20 artists, who say they are opposed to creating new oil and gas wells. It opened on 05 March and runs until 26 March 26 at the JD Reid Gallery on 33a Devon Stree West, New Plymouth.



## Trade Union Supporting Protests

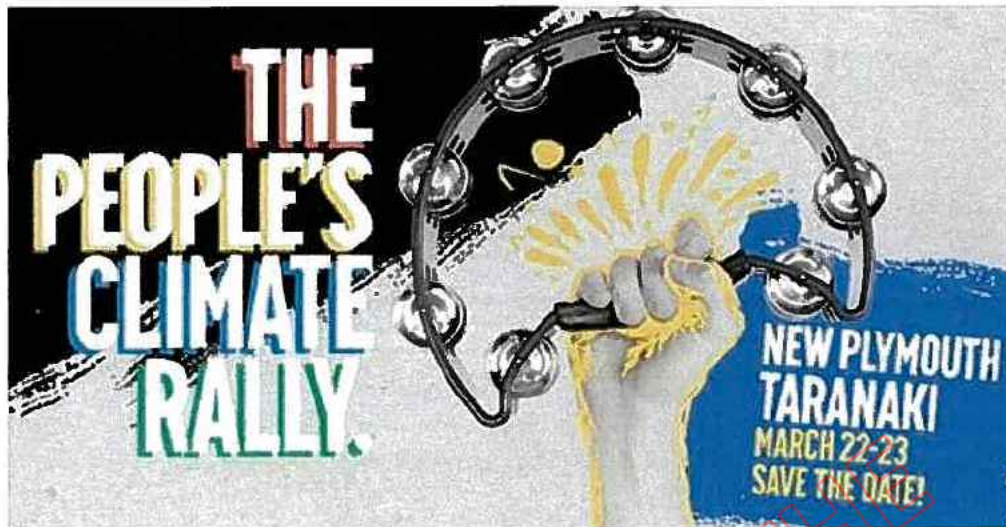
### 21 March

The militant left-wing Unite Trade Union is urging its members to support protests against the NZ Petroleum Conference.

In a message to its members on 21 March, the union said, "Climate change is here. Unite union members were almost killed in West Auckland last week when floodwaters spilled onto electrical equipment in a fast food restaurant. Climate change isn't something that low paid workers can buy their way out of. You won't find Unite union members buying \$100,000 "green" electric cars, or jetting off to safety when the next climate disasters hit. For us, the fight for climate justice is literally a fight for survival.

"Unite Union supports everyone taking direct action for climate justice by taking on the polluters face to face at the Petroleum Conference in Taranaki, just as we support workers who take on exploitative employers face to face at the negotiation table, in our workplaces, on our pickets, on our streets."





## Unite Union invites you to the People's Climate Rally in Taranaki

The 'People's Climate Rally' at the 2017 Petroleum Conference in Taranaki will include protest, workshops and entertainment.

UNITE.ORG.NZ

## Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

### 21 March

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

#### **Rainbow Warrior III**

The Rainbow Warrior III is continuing its tour of South America and is currently making for the port of Punta Arenas, located on the Strait of Magellan, and which is the the largest city south of the 46th parallel south (see photo below).

#### **Arctic Sunrise**

No change. The Arctic Sunrise remains tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzil undergoing a major refit.

#### **The Esperanza**

The Esperanza is continuing its campaign against over fishing in West African waters and is currently patrolling the sea off the coast of Guinea-Bissau.



## Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

### 21 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 location of Sea Shepherd's fleet of protest vessels is relevant to client operations.

This week Sea Shepherd have again referred to the oil and gas industry in a Facebook post that said, "In August 2016 we embarked on a mission to showcase the beauty of the Great Australian Bight. Alongside The Wilderness Society, the Bob Brown Foundation, and the Great Australian Bight Alliance the expedition aimed to reveal the Bight's unique wilderness and illustrate what would be lost should BP be permitted to drill for oil and cause a spill in waters deeper, more remote and rougher than the Gulf of Mexico."

The current known locations of Sea Shepherd's vessels are:

#### **Ocean Warrior**

The Ocean Warrior remains tied up at Perth.

#### **Steve Irwin**

The Steve Irwin is tied up at Melbourne for public tours.

#### **Sam Simon**

The Sam Simon has now been deployed for three months in the Gulf of California in Operation Milagro III which aims to clear the gulf of illegal fishing gear. In the last 30 days the crew of the Sam Simon say they have pulled out of the water 26 gill nets and 4 illegal longlines. One of these longlines was over 1250 meters in length.

### **Brigitte Bardot**

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot is still at Genoa, Italy, and open for public tours. This vessel appears to have done very little for months apart from promotional tours and fund raising for Sea Shepherd.

### **Bob Barker**

The Bob Barker continues to support enforcement actions by armed marines from the Republic of Liberia, West Africa, in Operation Sola Stella aimed at stopping illegal fishing off the coast of West Africa (see image below).



## **Protest Sign - East Coast North Island**

### **20 March**

A protest sign on a fence at Tikitiki, on State Highway 35, in the Waiapu Valley on the north bank of the Waiapu River in the Gisborne Region.



## Allegations Methane Leaking

**19 March**

The issue motivated group 'Boycott WOMAD' has alleged in an emotively worded social media post that like in America (where the below image was taken) methane gas is leaking from Taranaki oil and gas sites.

The post says of the image taken in Texas, "This is happening all over Taranaki too, except you can't see it. An infrared camera is needed to see methane gas emissions and it's not just venting that allows methane to escape but ALL the gas infrastructure leaks too; pipelines, compression stations, wells. Fossil fools who go to WOMAD support climate change!"

A spokeswoman for the group claimed, "Not only the methane emissions but they're burning off fracking fluids and excess hydrocarbons, which explains Taranaki Smog."

She adds, "Not only the methane emissions but they're burning off fracking fluids and excess hydrocarbons, which explains Taranaki Smog."



## Greenpeace Readies New Protest Boat

**18 March**

Greenpeace New Zealand says it is getting its new protest boat ready to sail out to confront the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off the East Coast of the North Island.

These preparations have included painting a rainbow on either side of the bow in the style of Greenpeace's original ship, the Phyllis Cormack (see image below) while it is moored in Wellington harbour.

Greenpeace was able to crowdfund purchase of the 15-metre, 81-year-old kauri pilot launch MV Friendship by raising \$100,000 in just seven days.

Greenpeace says the \$100,000 came from a total of 1,000 donors, including two wealthy supporters who agreed to match the public's donations dollar-for-dollar. Greenpeace has been running a competition to rename the vessel and this will be announced on 25 March.

It appears Greenpeace decided it needed a bigger protest boat after its fleet of small RHIBs struggled with heavy seas when they protested against the Amazon Warrior in January.



## Greenpeace's Poster Mum

**17 March**

Greenpeace New Zealand's fulltime National Coordinator of Volunteers and her infant son (see image below) are the latest people to front the organisation's efforts to recruit protesters to go to New Plymouth to protest against the 2017 Petroleum Conference.

The poster portrays her as a young mother worried about her son's future, but also neglects to mention that she has been employed by Greenpeace for over 10 years; has previously been charged with trespass related to several protest actions; and because of her job, will be in New Plymouth anyway. Her partner is Greenpeace NZ's Programme Director and is also expected to be there helping to organise the protests.

Selling the protests to the public, using the line it is being done to save the next generation appears to be a successful tactic employed by Greenpeace.

Open source reporting on social media suggests there are at least four vehicles of protesters coming up from Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, plus several vans and other vehicles from Auckland.



## **Protesters Struggle for Funds**

### **16 March**

While it appears Greenpeace New Zealand can easily raise \$100,000 in a week, the East Coast issue motivated group Te Ikaroa continues to struggle to raise \$8000 to send the tradition ocean-going Maori waka Te Matau a Māui out to protest against the presence of the Amazon Warrior.

So far, only \$5000 of the \$8000 they say is needed has been raised (see image below).

## Help Te Matau a Māui hunt "The Beast"

Cause page created in the Environment category by Te Ikaroa Defence for "Te Matau a Māui Voyaging Trust"

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## Council Divestment From Fossil Fuels

**21 March 2017**

The climate issue motivated group 350 Aotearoa is urging its supporters to attend next Tuesday's meeting of the Auckland Council, where the council will consider divesting any council investments in coal and oil and gas.

350 Aotearoa claims the council has "around \$15 million invested in fossil fuel companies such as ExxonMobil and Anadarko." A spokeswoman for 350 Aotearoa says, "If it's wrong for these companies to cook the climate, then it's wrong for Auckland Council to be a part of it."

350 Aotearoa has been lobbying councillors to support the vote to divest and has been running an online petition in favour of divestment, which has however only collected 1121 signatures in 12 months.



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## **Petroleum Conference Protest**

**22-23 March 2017**

About a dozen 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=MwjicMeN5sE>



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## Recent Updates - Wednesday 22 March 2017, 10:30 hours

- Protesters have posted photos to social media of this mornings blockade (sample below)
- They are also filming delegates and Police action
- Activists are known to be attending from all IMGs opposed to the O&G industry in NZ, including those with the greatest presence: Greenpeace NZ, Oil Free Wellington, Climate Justice Taranaki, Oil Free Otago
- They succeeded in 'shutting down' the conference for a short time leaving delegates waiting on the street
- Chanting , singing and car horns have been used to make themselves heard
- Police have removed a number of protesters from the doors to the venue
- Protesters are claiming that "very few delegates have managed to get in" despite all delegates being safely inside.
- The poor weather doesn't appear to have dampened spirits yet.
- Repost of protest livefeed for those that missed the first update: [https://peoplesclimaterallytaranaki.nz/ea-action/action?ea\\_client\\_id=1939&ea\\_campaign\\_id=63763](https://peoplesclimaterallytaranaki.nz/ea-action/action?ea_client_id=1939&ea_campaign_id=63763)

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[STUFF](#) (yesterday at the marae)

[STUFF](#) (this mornings protest)

[Radio NZ](#) (this mornings protest)

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## Recent Updates - Wednesday 22 March 2017, 14:30 hours

- Protesters have continued to post photos and videos of the protest and blockade on social media
- Organisers are claiming 200 protesters turned out in the rain this morning and some protester claims have suggested '100's' are in attendance
- Some news media have claimed that protesters did not allow their reporters access to the building forcing them to 'sneak in through another entrance'
- Social media comments have falsely claimed that not all delegates have made it into the Conference after 5 hours of blockading
- 350 Aotearoa have been taking a leading role in organising blockade activity this morning alongside Greenpeace New Zealand and the Pacific Panthers.
- MP Judith Collins has had a minor stoush with activists via Twitter claiming that the conference was held up by an hour because of their actions
- There has been alot of noise-making this morning which organisers state has been practising for this evenings 'Wall of Noise' protest outside the conference dinner
- Chants have included the slogan "We are unstoppable, another world is possible"
- Protester numbers thinned out by 13:30 hours when they retreated to the nearby Seniors Hall for a debrief and planning for later activities: Wall of Noise and the Night-time Fracking Tour



Greenpeace NZ Press Release:

### **Oil conference in lockdown as protesters blockade entrance**

Press release - March 22, 2017

Tangata Whenua and people from all over New Zealand are currently blockading the Petroleum Summit in New Plymouth, to prevent government and oil industry delegates from entering the TSB Showplace.

Inside, the Government will announce the 2017 Block Offer for new gas and oil exploration. Since 2012, over half a million square kilometres of land and sea have been proposed for release, encroaching on people's properties and the Marine

Mammal Sanctuary for the critically endangered Maui's dolphin.

The blockade is happening as part of 'The People's Climate Rally', organised by a coalition of groups from Taranaki and around New Zealand, in order to disrupt the conference and discuss clean and fair alternatives to the fossil fuel industry.

As well as the blockade, many more people are also showing their opposition to the Petroleum Summit in the family friendly Green Zone under the Clock Tower/at the Huatoki Plaza. There will be speakers and music over the course of the day.

It's the first time the Government and international oil delegates have held the oil conference in Taranaki. This move comes after years of escalating protests in Wellington and Auckland, which have seen thousands take to the streets and hundreds blockade the Sky City conference venue.

"Today's blockade intends to disrupt the Petroleum Summit by using non-violent direct action. Not a single new oil well, gas field or coal mine can operate if we are going to avoid a climate catastrophe, yet year after year the Government and oil industry keep meeting to find ways to expand the industry." says The People's Climate Rally spokesperson, Emily Tuhi-Ao Bailey.

"We demand a stop to all new oil and gas exploration, drilling and fracking. The extraction and burning of fossil fuels is radically changing our climate, wreaking havoc on our critical infrastructure, agriculture, tourism, human health and food security. It is time to stop.

"Non violent direct action has a long and revered history. Social justice change has always involved people coming together, organising and put their bodies on the line to stand in the way of injustice.

"It is especially important that this is happening in Taranaki. Taranaki has long, bitter experience with the environmental, health and personal impacts from oil and gas activities including drilling, flaring and fracking. For many Māori this is seen as a continuation of colonisation.

"It's time to be working together for a just transition for all workers into clean and sustainable future. There are no jobs on a dead planet."

An important part of The People's Climate Rally will be tomorrow's focus on solutions. This programme starts at 10.30am at the Senior Citizens Hall on 27 Liardet Street.

There will be talks and workshops with visiting research scholar and author Dr Terrence Loomis, Greens former co-leader Jeannette Fitzsimons, Ecotricity Director Al Yates, Parihaka Papakāinga Sustainable Energy Researchers Josh Curd, and Tihikura Hohaia. At the Huatoki Plaza will be demonstrations of electric vehicles.

There will also be and a public forum on 'Just Transition off Fossil Fuels', with experts on renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, indigenous rights and environmental education.

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Live feed at [www.peoplesclimaterallytaranaki.nz](http://www.peoplesclimaterallytaranaki.nz)

Other groups involved in the coalition:

Climate Justice Taranaki Inc

Friends of Waitara River

Ngātiawa ki Taranaki Trust

Frack Free

Greenpeace NZ

350 Aotearoa

Pacific Panthers

Oil Free Wellington

Oil Free Otago



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Battle of the Trends: It took until lunchtime for the Twitter hashtag #PCR17 (Peoples Climate Rally) to reach the number one spot according to TT Mobile NZ App finally pushing the new Nicky Hager book into 2nd place after an early lead this morning.

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## Recent Updates - Wednesday 22 March 2017, 20:00 hours

- The protest live feed hasn't been updated for 4 hours
- The afternoon has been relatively quiet with protesters debriefing and preparing for this evenings planned events
- Media are reporting that 2 males were arrested for trespass during the mornings blockade and that 200 delegates missed the Ministers opening speech
- Greenpeace NZ were quick to release a YouTube video of todays protest (see below)
- Media have made the most of footage of a blind protester being removed from the blockade (see TVNZ link below)
- A large number of Auckland based protesters are known to have already left Taranaki to return North
- The scheduled night-time fracking tour has been cancelled due to it clashing with other scheduled protest events - there is a possibility this will be rescheduled for tomorrow evening though numbers are likely to be lower
- Approx 50 protesters have this evening attended the TSB Stadium with all manner of noise makers, including car horns, and made as much noise as they could whilst delegate buses arrived for the conference dinner. Thirty people had earlier committed to attending this event via the Facebook event page.
- At the time of publishing, no open source photos of this evenings event had been posted.



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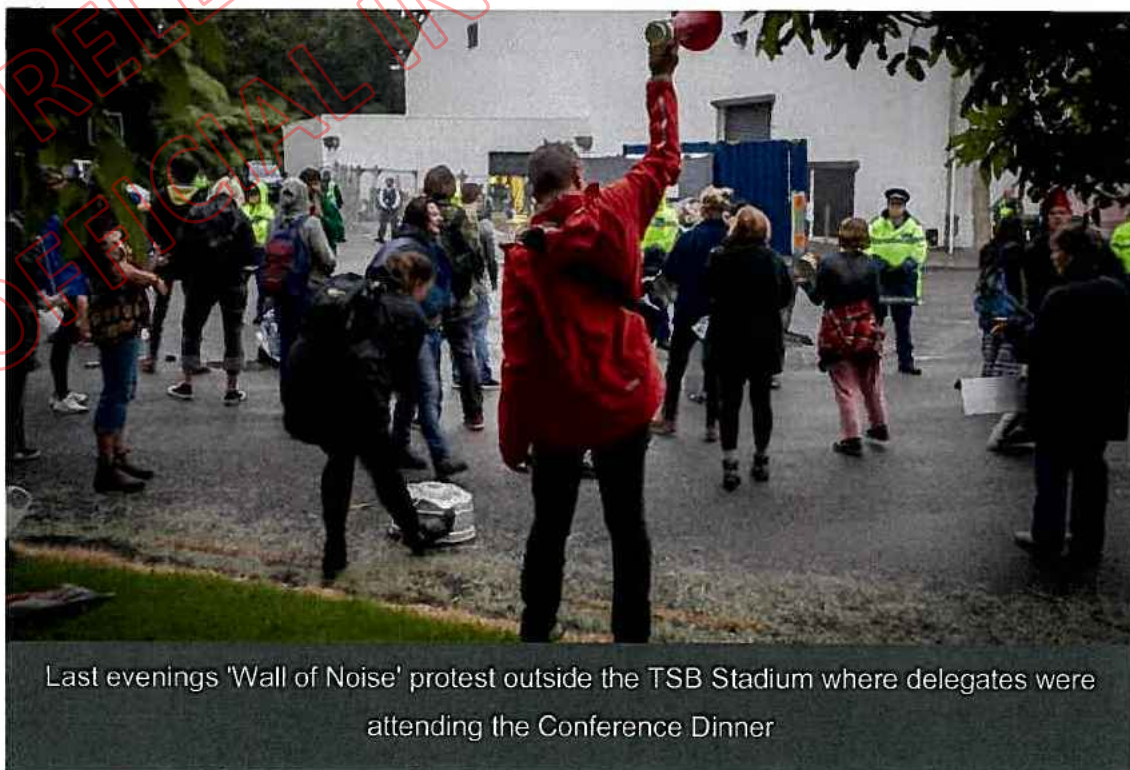
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## Recent Updates - Thursday 23 March 2017, 12:00 hours

- The protest live feed hasn't been updated with any new / relevant content overnight
- A large number of protesters have already left Taranaki or are in the process of doing so
- Media are reporting that 'a couple of protesters' were injured during the course of yesterdays blockade but were still in attendance at last nights further protest
- Approx 50 protesters outside the TSB Stadium used horns, whistles, saucepans and sheets of metal in an attempt to disrupt last nights conference dinner. Other than the noise, the protest passed without incident.
- Todays People's Climate Rally programme appears to be focused around Solutions and presentations will be conducted at the nearby Seniors Hall (see programme below)
- Delegates should be aware that protesters are still present in New Plymouth near to the conference venue and may approach or attempt to engage delegates as they leave
- It is also entirely possible that a further symbolic protest may occur before the day is finished but details are not known



Last evenings 'Wall of Noise' protest outside the TSB Stadium where delegates were attending the Conference Dinner

## **Oil conference delayed by hours after doors blockaded**

Press Release – The People's Climate Rally

Date: 22 March 2017

Oil conference delayed by hours after protesters blockade doors

Taranaki locals and people from across Aotearoa, New Zealand peacefully disrupted New Zealand's annual Petroleum Conference from dawn this morning and blockaded all entrances into the building, shutting it down for hours.

By midday, dozens of oil delegates attending the conference were still unable to enter the TSB Showplace in New Plymouth.

The blockade was part of 'The People's Climate Rally', a three-day event organised by a coalition of groups from Taranaki and around New Zealand that are calling for clean and fair alternatives to the fossil fuel industry.

Inside the conference, Energy Minister Judith Collins announced the Block Offer tender for 2017. This saw the Government open over 480,000 square kilometres of land and sea for oil and gas exploration.

The People's Climate Rally spokesperson, Emily Tuhi-Ao Bailey, says the protest is part of a long tradition of non violent direct action in New Zealand.

"Today marks a significant milestone in our resistance to the oil industry. This is the biggest demonstration against the industry that Taranaki has seen in decades. People from all walks of life, young and old, put their bodies on the line to make it clear that we will not accept an industry that continues to pollute our environment and atmosphere," she says.

"We want a liveable planet for everyone. We want climate action now. The people here today demand an immediate stop to any new gas and oil exploration and a halt to new fracking.

"We are particularly mindful that our relations in the Pacific Islands are on the frontlines of climate change. They are being drowned by nations like ours that are still stubbornly committed to extracting more oil that we cannot afford to burn.

"Today's blockade comes after years of protests from hapu and iwi in Northland – Te Tai Tokerau; the East Coast -Te Tai Rawhiti; and Te Wai Pounamu from Taranaki, as well as from communities all over New Zealand who are saying no to oil and gas."

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**THURSDAY THE 23RD OF MARCH: DAY OF SOLUTIONS** @ Senior Citizens Hall • 10:30 - 5pm

- Talks and workshops in Room 1
- Mobilisation room: A space to meet, chat, network and plan in Room 2
- Refreshments & time-out area in Room 3
- Electric car display, tours and talks @ Huatoki plaza
- 10:30am Talk & Discussion *Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand: research findings and implications* Dr Terrence Loomis, independent researcher and Visiting Research Scholar in the Institute for Governance and Policy Studies at Victoria University
- 11:30am Talk *Taiepa Tiketike: Sustainable Energy Research at Parihaka Papakāinga* Josh Curd, Massey University masters student & Tihikura Hohaia project research assistant
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1pm Talk *The Way Forward* Al Yates: Director of Ecotricity
- 1:45pm Talk *Our Climate Declaration. A People's Movement for Climate Action* Jeannette Fitzsimons: citizen activist and former Green Party co-leader, Joanna Santa Barbara: retired Canadian child psychiatrist, peace movement activist, & Pat Baskett: retired Herald feature writer and Okura Long Bay protection campaign activist.
- 2:30pm Forum *A Just Transition from Fossil Fuels: Can We Do It?* Chair - Michael Self: previous local District Councillor, community activist, organic tutor and actor; Rosemary Penwarden: Coal Action Network Aotearoa representative; Michael Lawley: local Renewable energy engineer; Al Yates: director of Ecotricity; John Earney: local organic farmer; Melina Laboucan-Massimo: Lubicon Cree First Nation member and a Climate and Energy Campaigner with Greenpeace Canada; Te Tui Shortland - Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Raukawa: Director of Te Kopu, Pacific Indigenous & Local Knowledge Centre of Distinction; Greg Skipper: ex-oil driller and fracker turned CleanAz Taranaki Spring Water owner; Sarah Roberts: Taranaki Energy Watch.
- 4pm *Karanga Tangaroa* A pasifika callout to stand with us @ Moturoa Beach as we call to Tangaroa in a spirit of resistance against those exploiting and destroying our lands; and a ceremonial closing of The People's Climate Rally.

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## NZ Petroleum Conference: Protest & Direct Action Update #8

This is the final update relating to issue motivated group activity and protest relating to the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference. It is based on open source information in relation to protest and direct action activities by Issue Motivated Groups opposed to the Petroleum Conference. For ease of reference, items have been bullet pointed in a summarized format.

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Please note that T+C Director Nick Thompson is available for follow up on any client needs

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## Recent Updates - Friday 24 March 2017, 15:00 hours

- Greenpeace New Zealand has stopped its social, media commentary in relation to the conference itself and now switched to commenting on wider aspects of the oil and gas industry, as illustrated in this post made on its Facebook today which said, "Climate change is threatening our very survival. It affects all life on Earth, and it is getting a whole lot worse. If we don't act now, we face a hellish existence. New oil exploration has got to stop." Say NO to new oil now: <http://greenpeace.nz/s6p8ib>
- Meanwhile, Greenpeace NZ's latest Tweet has focussed on offshore seismic surveying; stating, "Stop @Statoil and @Chevron seismic blasting for oil in NZ's oceans."
- Protesters who travelled by road up from the South Island have posted on social media today saying they were in Wellington and catching this morning's Cook Strait ferry sailings. Elsewhere, other protesters who travelled from Auckland and other points north have indicated they have also left New Plymouth, with at least one Greenpeace van leaving at midnight on 23 March.
- Greenpeace NZ has not made any further official statements about the Petroleum Conference since its press release on 22 March claiming the conference was in lockdown, but there has been an increasing level of angry issue motivated group social media commentary of the latest block offer including areas of Southland close to the shores of Lake Te Anau.

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## Situation Report

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### Oil & Gas Activism

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### Threat Level

The assessed level of threat from issue-motivated group (IMG) activism and protest directed towards oil and gas industry clients is currently assessed at **MODERATE** (Code Blue) for onshore operations, and also **MODERATE** for offshore in relation to vessels engaged in industry-related operations, particularly when in port and because of protest events surrounding the NZ Petroleum Conference this month.

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 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.

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### Greenpeace Prepares New Protest Ship

#### 30 March

US President Donald Trump's executive order his week to dismantle the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan (CPP) has been given by Greenpeace New Zealand as the reason for it suddenly bringing forward the timetable to launch its new protest ship, the Taitu.

Greenpeace's Executive Director says the ship, the name of which means to "hinder or thwart an enemy" will be officially named this weekend and will be out on the water next week and ready for protest action against the seismic survey vessel the Amazon Warrior.

He would not give an exact date the ship will commence its protest voyage from Wellington in order to preserve the element of surprise. The vessel has been out of the water in Wellington (see photo below) undergoing repairs and improvements. It was purchased with \$100,000 in donations raised online in just a week.

Greenpeace NZ's leader says Taitu, formerly the MV Friendship, will be used to confront the Amazon Warrior partly because the survey ship represents "Big Oil led by the CEO of the global oil industry, Donald Trump."

It also represents a threat to New Zealand's environment, he says, "because we are

in a war for the survival of humans and civilisation, a war Greenpeace takes extremely seriously."

Greenpeace NZ says the Taitu's first mission is to confront the 125-metre Amazon Warrior, surveying here on behalf of Statoil and Chevron.

Greenpeace says it received around 3000 suggestions for a new name after it put out a call for public submissions, with the country voting on a final three.

The 15-metre, kauri-hulled former postal boat has led a relatively quiet life until now, although much of its 81-year history remains relatively unknown.

Greenpeace understands the MV Friendship may have worked as a pilot boat in Wellington, guiding larger ships into port, as it was built as a pilot boat for the Marlborough Sounds.

The purchase is something of a first for Greenpeace New Zealand. It's not very often a national office of Greenpeace buys its own boat. The organisation has its own separate international marine division with three large campaign ships, but the Taitu is separate from these.

It is expected the vessel will be manned by a volunteer crew of Greenpeace supporters who are experienced sailors and some of whom have worked as crew on Greenpeace's larger campaign ships, the Arctic Sunrise, Esperanza, and the Rainbow Warrior III.



## Protest Waka About to Sail?

### 30 March

There was a hint today that the East Coast-based 22-metre waka hourua (double hulled ocean going traditional Polynesian sailing vessel), Te Matau a Māui may be about to put to sea to protest against the presence of the seismic survey vessel, Amazon Warrior.

A Facebook post by the group asking for up to \$8,000 in donations to fund the protest, gave supporters only 48 hours more to make a donation as it has been announced that the 'Givealittle' online page setup to raise the money will close at midnight on 01 April.



Although the waka's crew were asking for \$8,000 to fund the protest, as at 30 March, the campaign had only raised just over \$5,600. The campaign has only raised \$500 in the past week, compared with the \$100,000 Greenpeace raised on line in the same timeframe to buy its new protest ship.

A number of issue motivated groups, including Oil Free Wellington, have taken up the appeal on behalf of the East Coast protest group Te Ikaroa and promoted it on their own Facebook pages today asking for last minute donations. The waka is owned by the Te Matau a Māui Voyaging Trust which supports the protest being led by Te Ikaroa.

It has not been announced if the waka will sail in convoy with Greenpeace's new protest ship, the Taitu, or conduct a separate protest. However, there has been hints on social media that a "flotilla" will in fact protest against the Amazon Warrior not unlike what occurred off the East Cape in 2011 against Petrobras' seismic survey vessel, the Orient Explorer.

Another clue that the waka may be about to sail was provided earlier in the week when a number of known anti-oil and gas activists publicly shared a photograph on Facebook of protest banners being fitted to the waka's rigging.





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## Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

### 30 March

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

#### **Rainbow Warrior III**

The Rainbow Warrior III has turned away from New Zealand by passing through the Straits of Magellan and is heading for the Argentinian port of Puerto Madryn on the Atlantic side of the South American continent (see photo below).

#### **Arctic Sunrise**

No change. The Arctic Sunrise remains tied up at the Dutch port of Delfzijl undergoing a major refit.

#### **The Esperanza**

The Esperanza is continuing its campaign against over-fishing in West African waters and is currently heading for the port of Conakry, the capital of the West African state of Guinea. It is operating in a similar fashion to Sea Shepherd's MV Bob Baker, but in conjunction with fisheries enforcement officers from Guinea Bissau instead of armed marines.



## Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

### 30 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 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**

The Ocean Warrior is docked in Fremantle, Western Australia, and appears to be remaining there for some weeks as it is beginning to hold weekend ship tours from 08-09 April until further notice.

#### **Steve Irwin**

The Steve Irwin is tied up at Melbourne undergoing maintenance.

#### **Sam Simon**

The Sam Simon has continued its work in the Gulf of California which aims to clear the gulf of illegal fishing gear. In 24 hours alone, the vessel's crew hauled up and destroyed 12 illegal gill nets.

#### **Brigitte Bardot**

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot is now at the Italian port of Anzio as it continues its fundraising and public awareness tour of Italy.

#### **Bob Barker**

The Bob Barker continues to support enforcement actions by armed marines from



the Republic of Liberia, West Africa, in Operation Sola Stella aimed at stopping illegal fishing off the coast of West Africa. In conjunction with Israeli maritime advisors who are also on board, Sea Shepherd is helping to train the Liberian troops in best practice boarding procedures. Taking on a para-military training role underscores the different approach to conservation that Sea Shepherd adopts compared with its 'rival' in the area, Greenpeace, which adopts a strictly non-violence position in all its work (see image below).



## Looking for Opposition in New Areas

**28 March**

The co-ordinator of the issue motivated group Frack Free Kapiti and Beyond has sent out an appeal via social media for information about anyone, or groups, affected by new areas declared in the 2017 Block Offer.

Posting on Facebook this week, she said, "Anyone at Mokau, Kawhia and anywhere in between? Please share this info with them as the oil industry is interested in moving in, and the time to say NO WAY is now.

"Same goes for the sparsely populated lower South Island 3,500+ sq kilometers has been offered to the oil industry. The website attached is interactive, click on the map to get to more detailed maps and information. If you have contacts in organized groups (ie Forest and Bird, WWF) send this info to them. When sharing info on the

fracking of NZ, the most common responses is we didn't know."

While the name suggests Frack Free Kapiti might limit its interests to the Kapiti Coast, it has long been involved in anti-oil and gas activism in neighbouring Taranaki and works closely with issue motivated groups there.



## Mangahewa D Photographed

**28 March**

A Taranaki anti-oil and gas activist and photographer who is known for her roaming around Taranaki photographing oil and gas sites (often at night) publicly posted this image on Facebook last week of Todd Energy's Mangahewa D site.

She made the comment, "A well entry campaign = more Fracking at Mangahewa D site Rimutauteka in the Waitara River valley, 24 March 2017. post Climate Rally."



## Leading from the Front

**27 March**

While she may have got the top job and is now Greenpeace International's Executive Director, the former Executive Director of Greenpeace NZ has not forgotten how to protest.

This week she was among a group of Greenpeace protesters who climbed a 90-metre chimney in the Belgian city of Antwerp to protest against Total Oil's plan to drill for oil near a recently discovered coral reef off the coast of Brazil.

The protest gesture could be seen as a signal to her replacement in New Zealand to do likewise when Greenpeace NZ's new protest ship heads out shortly to campaign against the seismic survey vessel, Amazon Warrior.



Greenpeace Belgium @greenpeace\_be · Mar 27

90 meters above ground, our international director @bunmcd protests against Total's oil drilling plans. #SaveTheAmazonReef #BreakFree



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## Greenpeace Looking for a Pilot

### 25 March

Greenpeace New Zealand appears to be looking for a pilot to fly a twin prop aircraft and it appears to have found one.

On 24 March it's Northland-based Climate Campaigner, who is also the organisation's Maori engagement officer, sent out a request via a public social media asking, "Anyone got their pilots license? Twin prop preferably."

He received 20 responses and was able to post a message the next day to say it was "all sorted."

Greenpeace have been known to hire aircraft to support its on-the-water protests and to capture photographs of the actual protest itself for promotional use.

This particular campaign has been working closely with East Coast hapu opposed to the operations of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior.

It is probably a fair summation to assume this request relates to the planned forthcoming protests against the Amazon Warrior Greenpeace has been promising all summer.



## Methanex Photographed by Protester

**24 March**

The coordinator of the issue motivated group Frack Free Kapiti was out photographing Methanex's Motunui plant recently at 1am in the morning.

Posting the image on Facebook, she commented, "After WOMAD and the petroleum conference it's time for Methanex to get back to polluting Aotearoa/NZ- hardcore in Taranaki. This is the methanol plant (Motunui) on SH3 viewed from 5kms away. (Just past Waitara, 1am, 24-03-17) I wasn't game to go any closer)."



## Todd Energy Protest

**23 March**

The issue motivated group Frack Free Taranaki has held a small protest outside New Plymouth's Govett-Brewster Art Gallery-Len Lye Art Centre during the 2017 New Zealand Petroleum Conference held in the city last week.

Dressed in suits as 'Mr Todd' and 'Mr Halliburton' the two female held large signs criticising Todd Energy's sizeable donation to establish the striking-looking arts centre.

A disparaging caption to the photograph on the group's Facebook page said, "Mr Todd & Mr Halliburton...sleazy oil men outside the Len Lye/Todd Energy Art Centre."



## Petroleum Conference Blockade

**21-23 March**

Protesters blocked the entrance to venue for the 2017 New Petroleum Conference in New Plymouth last week. Greenpeace New Zealand claim the protests prevented some delegates from entering for up to six hours (see image below).

An estimated 200 protesters (most of them from out of town) took part in the

protests.

Mostly they were conducted in good humour, with the Police, while being outnumbered at times and unable to stop the protesters from blocking the main entrance, were seen to help at least one elderly protester climb over a barricade to join other protesters (see photo below) and removed others physically, but with little resentment or resistance shown by the protesters.

See this link below for Greenpeace NZ's video coverage of the protests:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xouiDajo5PY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xouiDajo5PY)



## Making a Point

### 21 March

A Whanganui anti-oil and gas activist making his own personal protest outside last week's New Zealand Petroleum Conference. It wasn't actually oil he was tipping over himself but a chocolate sauce mixture protesters often use to simulate oil.



## Hawkes Bay Oil & Gas Protest

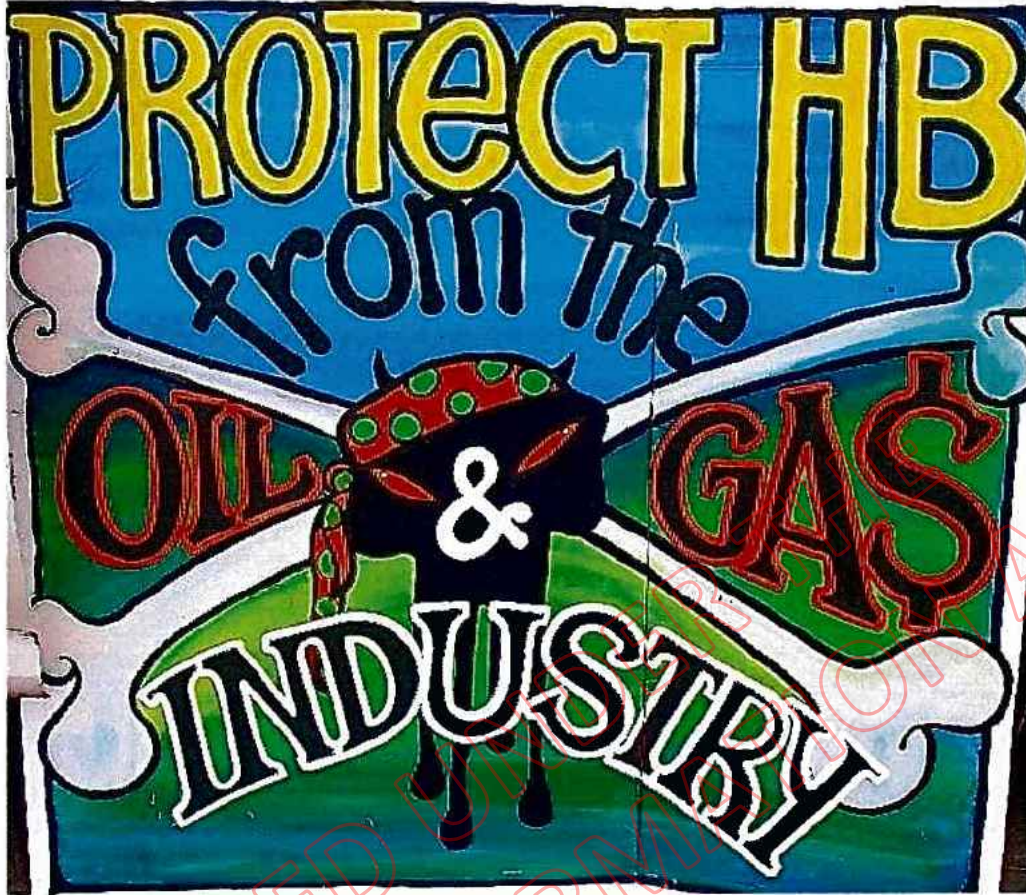
**05 April 2017**

Last year the Hawke's Bay Regional Council agreed to progress a prohibition of oil and gas exploration activities within productive aquifers, aquifer recharge zones and surface water bodies through a standalone plan change.

A group calling itself the "Department of Hawkes Bay Water Protection" has called a protest in support of the council's position when its Regional Planning Committee meets on 05 April in Napier on 05 April at the council's regional head offices in Dalton Street.

The protesters say they want to "make sure the Hawke's Bay Regional Council Regional Planning Committee hears our voice of support. Let them know we want the moratorium come hell or high water."





## Council Vote to Divest

**11 April 2017**

The Auckland Council has delayed its vote on divestment from investments associated with oil and gas and coal until 11 April.

Local issue motivated groups such as 350 Aotearoa plan to hold a protest rally in support of divestment and will stage this outside the council meeting on 11 April. so far, almost 50 people have used a Facebook events page for the protest to indicate they will be attending.

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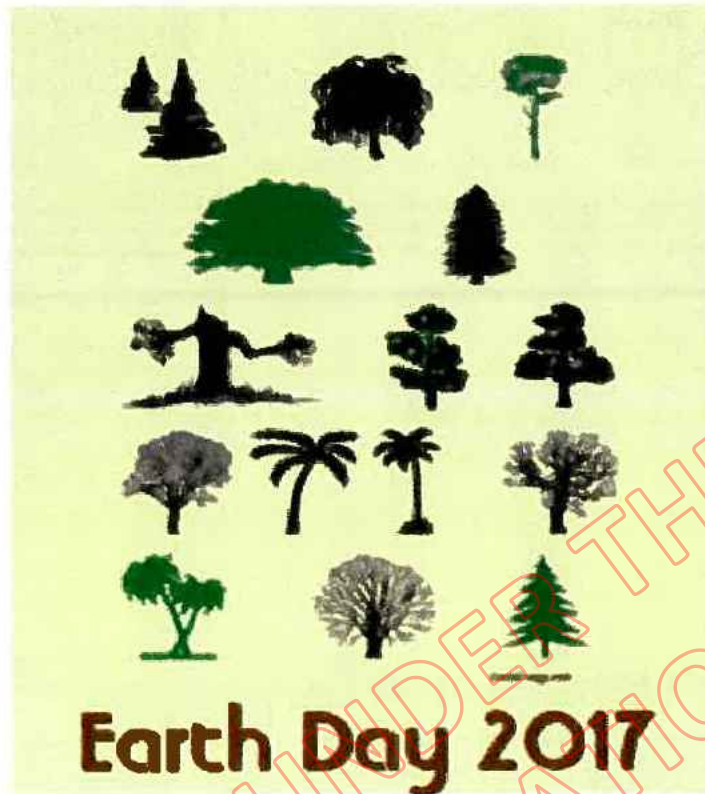


## International Earth Day

**22 April 2017**

22 April is International Earth Day. The International Earth Day website is promoting a story about the "mass graveyard of pilot whales on a New Zealand beach" although this does not directly refer to any involvement from activities of the oil and gas industry.

Greenpeace New Zealand has not specifically referred to any planned actions on Earth Day but in a recent blog post about the topic said, "As Earth Day comes and goes each year, we can't just celebrate the past. The day must be a rallying cry for action in this present moment! This Earth Day, challenge yourself, your friends and your community to step up and make a change."



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Protest Update

**Greenpeace Protest**  
**East Coast, North Island**  
**Thompson+Clark Fusion Centre**  
**Saturday 08 April 2017**



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