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### Greenpeace Dispatches Protest Ship

**08 April**

Greenpeace New Zealand has confirmed today it has dispatched a small protest flotilla to confront the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior off the East Coast of the North Island.

The flotilla appears to consist of four vessels, Greenpeace New Zealand's recently purchased and hastily prepared new protest ship, the 15-metre former postal vessel Taitu, two of its RHIBs (rigid hull inflatable boats) and a 17m two-masted ketch which Thompson+Clark believe is from from Nelson and called the Koputai.

There has been no indication of the traditional Polynesian voyaging waka the Te Matau a Māuia joining the protest, although it is berthed at Napier and last week itself conducted a protest against the Amazon Warrior.

As predicted, the protest is being led by Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director who is on board the Taitu (see photo below) and posting updates via Twitter. One of his most recent stating, "Heading to confront the DeathStar seismic blasting vessel that is making money by destroying a stable climate."

Greenpeace New Zealand released a press statement earlier today announcing the

protest and which said:

*Greenpeace has launched its crowdfunded boat Taitu' his morning from Napier and is heading out to confront the world's biggest seismic blasting ship. Trump-backed oil giant Chevron and arctic driller Statoil are using the 125-metre long Amazon Warrior, dubbed 'The Beast', to search for oil off the Wairarapa Coast.*

*Greenpeace New Zealand crowdfunded nearly \$100,000 in just seven days to buy the newest member of its fleet, the 15-metre Taitu, and then crowdsourced its name. Executive Director, Dr Russel Norman, says people across New Zealand are rising up against the pursuit of new oil to burn.*

*"In New Zealand we've been inundated with a deluge of extreme storms, flooding, droughts and fires in the space of just a couple of months, and it's only April. Victoria University climate scientist, Professor James Renwick, has just come out and said the devastating floods, which have seen thousands evacuated from their homes, are connected to climate change.*

*"Climate change makes extreme weather events worse. It threatens our homes, health and families, and the science is clear - if we want a stable climate for us and our kids, we can't burn even half the fossil fuel reserves that have already been discovered.*

*"This means not a single new oil well, gas field or coal mine can operate anywhere if we are to avoid a climate catastrophe. Despite knowing this, our Government is actively subsidising oil companies to look for new oil, putting profits above people's lives. And this is all while Prime Minister Bill English is visiting families in Edgecumbe who've lost everything in the floods. It's deplorable."*

*Taitu's trip follows on from a flotilla that included Ngāti Kahungunu's voyaging waka Te Matau a Maui, which travelled out to the Amazon Warrior to deliver a message on behalf of more than 80 hapū of Te Ikaroa. This is the third warning delivered to the ship by Te Ikaroa.*

*The Amazon Warrior has been searching for oil off the Wairarapa Coast since last November. This involves blasting the seafloor, every eight seconds, day and night. The ship is commissioned by Statoil and Chevron, who have permits to drill to extreme depths of up to three kilometres if oil is found.*

*The Fossil Fuel President, Donald Trump, has shares in Chevron, and the oil company funded a large part of his presidential inauguration. Public opposition to the oil exploration has seen protests in ports, petitions garnering tens of thousands of signatures, and significant local council and iwi opposition.*

*In January, Greenpeace and East Coast group, Te Ikaroa, travelled nearly 50*

*nautical miles in small inflatables to confront the ship and deliver messages signed by almost 80,000 New Zealanders.*

*Norman says this time it's important to take more people out to sea, stay out there for longer, and to do it in a people-powered boat. "Hope exists in people standing together and demanding change. When we stand together, we always win," he says.*





## Greenpeace RHIBs Accompany Protest

**08 April**

Greenpeace New Zealand has dispatched its two largest RHIBs (rigid hull inflatable boats) to accompany its protest vessel Taitu to confront the survey vessel Amazon Warrior. The larger of the two RHIBs is named after best selling New Zealand children's author, the late Margaret Mahy.

Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director posted this image of the two RHIBs on Twitter and taken from the stern of the Taitu earlier today.

It will be the first on-the-water direct action protest Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director has been personally involved in since leaving Parliament as a Green Party MP and taking up the role.



## Greenpeace Blocking with Swimmers?

**08 April**

This photograph (below, left) posted on social media by Greenpeace New Zealand of its Executive Director enjoying a cup of tea on board the protest vessel Taitu before setting off this morning from Napier gives a hint of what might be in store.

It shows on the deck above him several large orange buoys identical to the ones Greenpeace NZ used in April 2012 to put swimmers in survival suits in the water in front of the path of the seismic survey vessel Orient Explorer off the East Coast of the North Island, during protests against Petrobras conducting seismic surveying.



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### Oil & Gas Activism



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### Greenpeace Defies Protest at Sea Law

#### 09 April

Greenpeace New Zealand has openly defied the laws restricting protest at sea by deliberately sailing its protest vessel the MV Taitu within the 500-metre Non-Interference Zone (NIZ) of the seismic survey ship Amazon Warrior off the Wairarapa coast.

Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director has publicly acknowledged the breach on Sunday 09 April, by announcing it in a short one minute video posted on Twitter.

In a video published on the Twitter account of the MV Taitu, Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director can be seen saying that they were going to see, "who has the prettiest streamers, them or us," and that the Taitu was now inside the Amazon Warrior's NIZ.

He then went on to deliver a short lecture to the Master of the Amazon Warrior via radio, demanding the survey vessel cease and desist its activities.

Part of the video Tweet includes capture of the radio call by the Master of the Amazon Warrior warning the Taitu that it had breached the survey vessel's NIZ and was interfering with the ship's operations.

The comment as to "who has the prettiest streamers" was a reference to the fact Greenpeace was flying colorful streamers from the Taitu as part of the protest, while of course the Amazon Warrior was towing a seismic array (streamers) from its stern.

The Taitu had left Napier on Saturday, in the company of a two-masted ketch and the two largest of its fleet of RHIBs (rigid hull inflatable boats); towing the RHIBs for part of the journey, presumably to save fuel.

Greenpeace New Zealand's Executive Director announced on social media just before 08:00hrs on Sunday that the Taitu had encountered the Amazon Warrior, and which Greenpeace derogatorily refers to in commentary as "The Beast."

Greenpeace spent most of daylight Sunday sailing close to the Amazon Warrior, flying protest streamers and banners, and updating its supporters via social media.

As darkness fell, Greenpeace did not announce what its intentions for Monday might be, apart from one Facebook post saying the "Taitu remains in the zone."





The Taitu flies a giant protest banner from its stern while still some distance from the Amazon Warrior - *photo Greenpeace.*



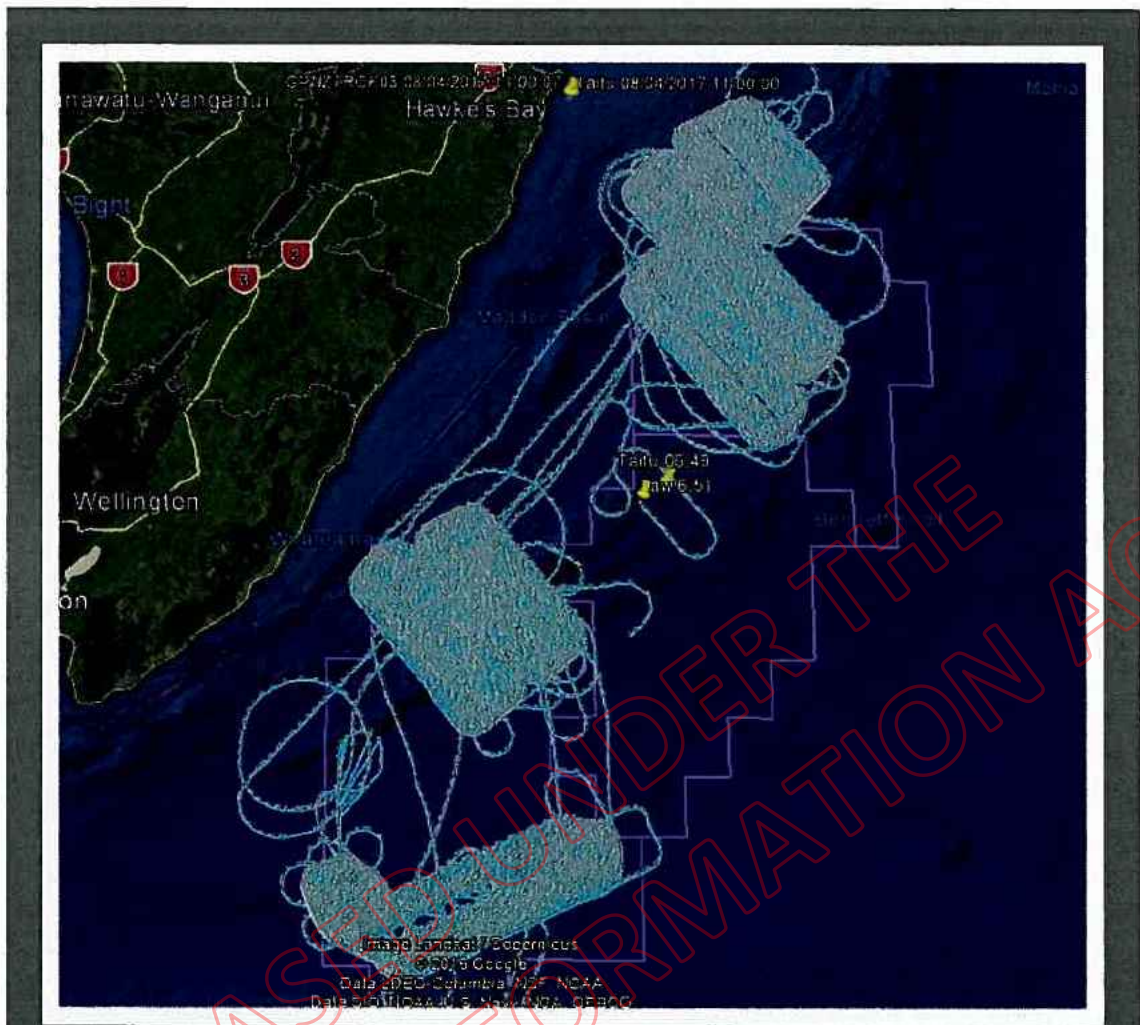
The Taitu approaches the Amazon Warrior - *photo Greenpeace.*



The crew of the Taitu receiving a safety briefing prior to the protest - *photo Greenpeace.*



Crew on the Taitu preparing the vessel's protest streamers - *photo Greenpeace.*



Greenpeace published this tracking imagery of the Taitu and Amazon Warrior during the protest, showing the survey lines the Amazon Warrior has already completed - *photo Greenpeace.*

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Greenpeace's live feed of the protest also included this graphic representation of the vessels' movements - *photo Greenpeace.*

## Location of Greenpeace Protest Ships

### 09 April

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

#### **Rainbow Warrior III**

The Rainbow Warrior III continues to turn away from New Zealand and is currently tied up at Buenos Aires, Argentina where it is helping to mark Greenpeace's 30 year anniversary (see image 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 currently tied up at the port of Conakry in Guinea, on the West African coast.



## Location of Sea Shepherd Protest Ships

### 09 April

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 remains 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 (see image below).

#### **Steve Irwin**

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

**Sam Simon**

The Sam Simon has continued its work in the Gulf of California which aims to clear the gulf of illegal fishing gear.

**Brigitte Bardot**

Sea Shepherd's fast chase vessel, the Brigitte Bardot is now at the Italian port of Anzio and has been assisting the Italian Coast Guard recover illegal fishing nets.

**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.

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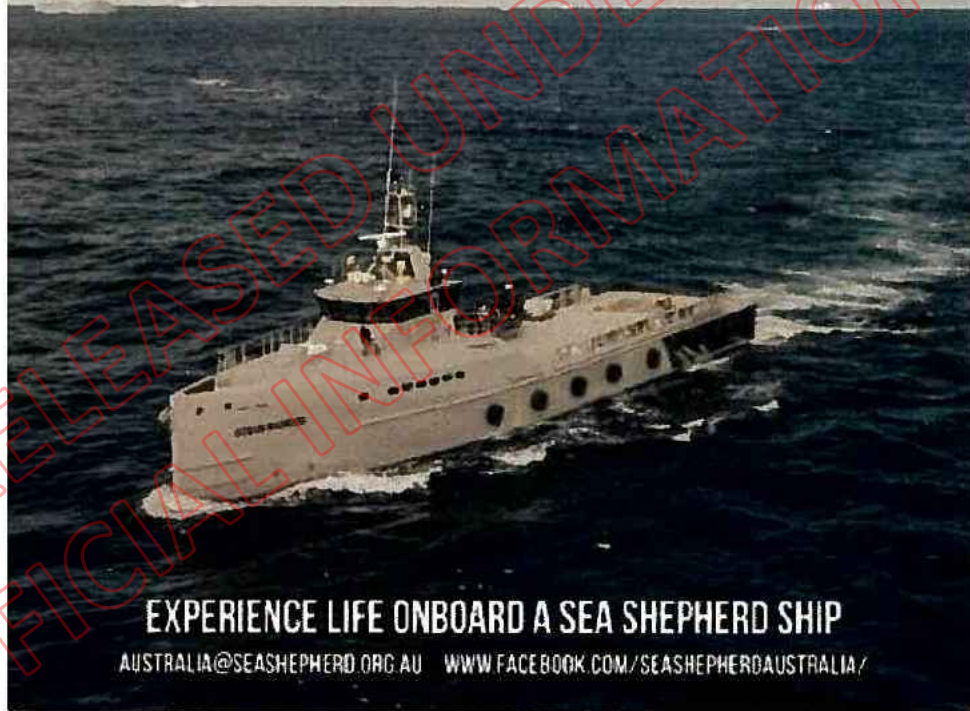


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## Green Party's Spin on 2017 Block Offer

**06 April**

The Green Party's Energy spokesman says he has made this infographic (see image below) to tell the public what he says is the five most important things people need to know about the Government's 2017 Block Offer,

1. The area opened up for exploration is the size of Papua New Guinea.
2. It covers 35 percent of the Maui's dolphins' sanctuary on the west coast of the North Island.
3. It is on the shore of Lake Te Anau.
4. New Zealand has the fourth lowest tax plus royalty for oil in the world.
5. Scientists claim we cannot afford to burn 60-70 percent of all known existing oil reserves without looking for more.

The Block Offer announcement has caused the Greens to renew their 'Save the Maui's dolphins' petition. The Greens' Energy spokesman says, "The Government's new block offer will open up another half a million square kilometres of our oceans to oil drilling, including part of the critically endangered Maui's dolphin marine sanctuary.

"4,242 sq km of the Maui's dolphin sanctuary - roughly a third of its total area - is up for grabs by oil and mining companies. National's decision to open up another half a million square kilometres to mining smacks of desperation from a Government that doesn't know how to build a sustainable, 21st century economy.

"With just 63 Maui's dolphins left, it is hugely irresponsible to offer drilling permits in a third of the sanctuary where they live."

# NATIONAL'S OIL ANNOUNCEMENT

## FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



The total size of the block offer is



That is larger than **Papua New Guinea**

It covers



of the **Maui dolphin's** sanctuary

It is on the shore



of **Lake Te Anau**

New Zealand has the **4th lowest**




tax plus royalty rate for oil in the world

Scientists warn we cannot afford to burn



**60-70%** of **known** oil reserves, let alone looking for **more!**

Sign the petition at [action.greens.org.nz/maui](http://action.greens.org.nz/maui)



**Judith Collins is giving  
up 35% of the Maui's  
dolphin sanctuary for  
oil drilling.**

This isn't how you protect a  
critically endangered species.

Authorised by Gareth Hughes MP, Parliament Buildings, Wellington  
Funded by Parliamentary Service



## **Waka Protests Against Survey Vessel**

**03 April**

In the first of two on-the-water protests against the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior this month, the crew of the Ngati Kahungunu-owned voyaging waka Te Mataua a Maui, located and fired verbal protest messages via radio against the survey vessel.

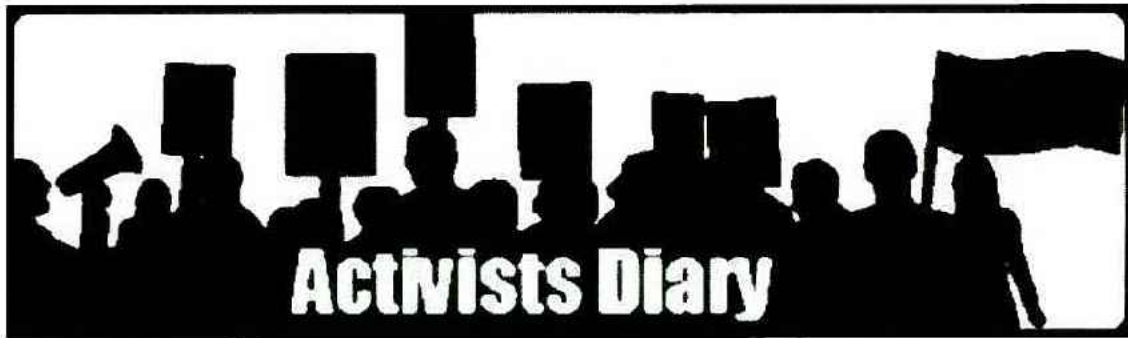
The protest involved three days at sea and was funded partly by a crowdfunding appeal that raised about \$5000 online to equip the waka for the protes, but fell short of the \$8000 they had set.

The protesters say the purpose of the trip was to send a message to oil companies Statoil and Chevron, demanding they leave Ikaroa-Rāwhiti waters immediately.

Te Mataua a Maui's General Manager - acting as spokesman for the group while they

were out at sea - said he was told the Master of the Amazon Warrior had listened to the group's message, and gave a professional response. In return, the waka made no attempt to infringe the survey vessel's 500-metre Non Interference Zone.





## 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.

**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. [BIT.LY/FOSSILFREEAKL](http://BIT.LY/FOSSILFREEAKL)

## 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."



## International Earth Day

**23 April 2017**

In Dunedin, the issue motivated groups Oil Free Otago and Students for Environmental Action have organised a day-long seminar on the topic of 'Oil and Gas Development and Community Action in New Zealand.'

The day will start with a presentation of the recently published book 'Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand - Texas of the South Pacific.'

This will be followed by a debate entitled 'deep-sea oil: dissent, disdain and solidarity.'

Finally, the day will end with a shared lunch, discussion, and an opportunity to play 'Go Mine' - a table top mineral extractions card game developed by a student as part of a Masters of Fine Art at Otago Polytechnic. This event is being held at the Dunningham Suite, Dunedin Public Library, starting at 10am and is open to the public.

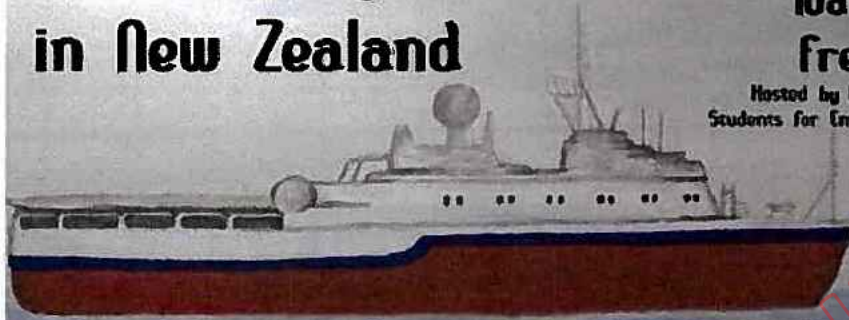
# Oil & Gas Development & Community Action in New Zealand

Dunningham Suite  
4th floor Dunedin Public Library  
Sunday 23 April 2017

10am - 3pm

Free entry

Hosted by Oil Free Otago and  
Students for Environmental Action.



**10am:** Dr Terrence Loomis presents his latest book: *Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand - Texas of the South Pacific*

**11am:** Dr Sophie Bond presents her research: *Debating deep-sea oil: dissent, disdain and solidarity*

**12:00 - 3pm:** Stay for a shared lunch, some lively discussion and play  
Ruth Evans' *GO MINE*: A tabletop game based on New Zealand's mineral extraction industries

See [oilfreeotago.com](http://oilfreeotago.com) for more information.

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### Activists Try to Hype Up 'Fireball'

#### 16 April

At least three issue motivated group Facebook pages have tried to hype up an incident in Taranaki overnight where an unusually large flare at the Maui Production Station was mistaken for something more sinister.

This sarcastic social media post below has appeared on at least three activist Facebook pages overnight - 'Stop the Drilling in Taranaki'; 'Stop the Drilling on Our East Coast'; and 'Frack Free Aotearoa New Zealand.'

The Fire Service says it received multiple callouts from the area around Oanui, with witnesses speculating the large fire was due to a lightning strike hitting the plant.

However, the Fire Service confirmed there was no emergency, but due to gas build up and a power system "flick" the plant was being depressurised, with an unusually large flame. But there was no danger.

Business as usual in Taranaki

An explosion and a fireball at the Maui Production Station in Oaonui on the Taranaki coast is described as "tripped due to a power fault" by Shell Todd and "they were undergoing some planned process, there was no emergency at all" by the Fire Communications Centre in Wellington....



'Flare off' sends fireball into Taranaki skies, prompts fears of oil and gas installation fire

Rain and lightning forces oil and gas installation to do a "flare off", prompting fears of fire.

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## Activist Promising More Protests

### 13 April

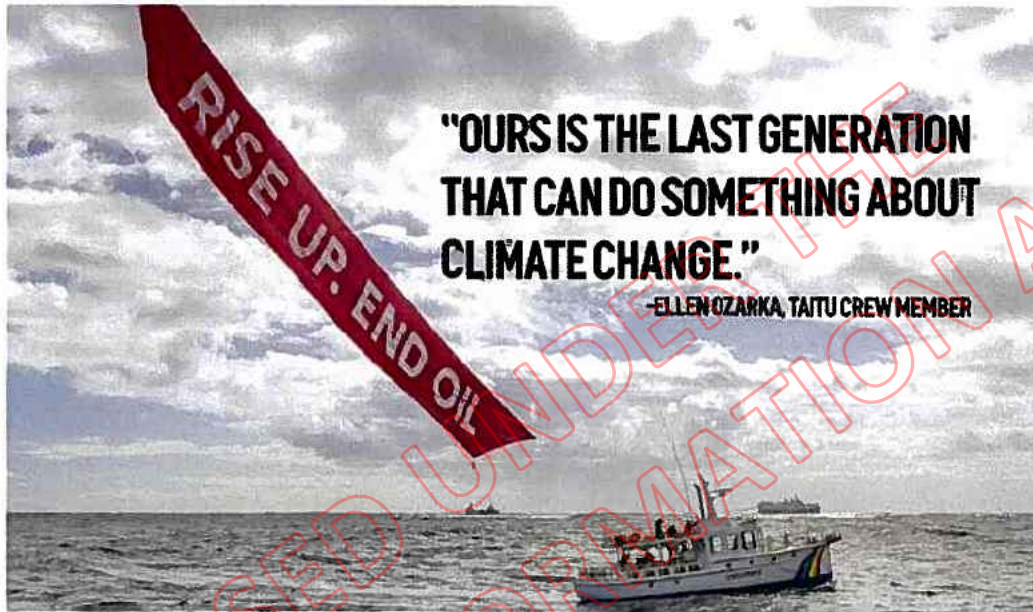
Greenpeace New Zealand's Maori liaison officer who has been working with East Coast hapu opposed to the operations of the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior has hinted there may be more protests to come.

In one recent social media post he advised that Greepeace NZ's protest ship the Taitu and its supports vessels were safe from Cyclone Cook, tied up in Napier's harbour. In another poste he has hinted at more protest action, saying (with translation from Maori where appropriate in brackets):

"Huge mihi (thank you) to all every waka crew who wero (have challenged) seismic blasting Ngarara (monster), from the original Oil Free Seas flotilla that sailed from Whangaparaoa, 6 years ago & again in the Taranaki Basin in November 2013, to Haunui challenging Statoil when they were blasting the crap out of Te Reinga Moana in December 2014, to who challenged this 'Beast' off the Ikaroa Rāwhiti coast in

February a week before Matatini & Te Matau a Maui at the beginning of this month...e kore rawa e mimiti te puna aroha, me nga mihi koremutunga (love you always, and eternal thanks).

"Now Taitu is putting crew in the water, an effective tactic used successfully in the Raukumara Basin, there will be more & news or no news we will #riseup & #endoil #tiheimouriora."



## Greenpeace Complains About Charges

**12 April**

Greenpeace New Zealand is complaining that three of its activists have been charged for protesting against the seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior last week (see photo below) despite being blatantly open on social media about their intentions to break the law.

Greenpeace also seems surprised that three of its activists were not greeted by the Police upon they returned to Napier from protesting at sea against the Amazon Warrior.

Instead, warranted officers from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), who do not have police powers and therefore did not arrest them, served them with summons to appear in court on 10 May on charges related to them leaping into the water in front of the survey vessel, forcing it to alter course. Commenting on the charges, Greenpeace NZ Tweeted, "It beggars belief that the

Govt is prosecuting peaceful protesters to protect the interests of oil companies."

The three activists, one of whom is a former Green Party Member of Parliament who now works as Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director, have been charged with interfering with the oil exploration ship Amazon Warrior under the Section 101B(1)(c) of the Crown Minerals Act.

The other two are Greenpeace volunteers - a middle-aged professional kite maker from Ashburton, and a 25-year-old female from Wales.

The section of the law they have been charged under is referred to by Greenpeace as the 'Anadarko Amendment' as it was introduced in 2013 by Parliament at a time when US oil company Anadarko was conducting test drilling off the coast of New Zealand.

Greenpeace claims the law, "Was put in place by the Government to protect the interests of big oil and to stifle dissent."

Greenpeace, it appears, would have also preferred its people being arrested by the Police, complaining that the charges have been brought not by the Police but the MBIE, which Greenpeace claims is evidence of the Government, "Supporting, subsidising and propping up the oil industry here in New Zealand, using public money."

Greenpeace is disputing the claims from MBIE's General Manager, who said the protest had more than interfered with the operations of the Amazon Warrior but had also endangered the protesters' safety.

He has been quoted as saying the non-interference provisions are not about removing the right to protest. They are about balancing the right to protest with an operator's right to get on with their work – while promoting the safety of everyone involved.

The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand has labeled the protest as being both dangerous and stupid.

However, Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director has claimed there was never any danger to the protesters, claiming it was "quite safe" and saying the protesters while in the water clinging to a large orange buoy were about 1km away from the Amazon Warrior and had rigid hull inflatable boats nearby to pull them to safety if needed.



**Leading by Example:** As expected, given the example set earlier this month when Greenpeace's International Executive Director climbed a 90-metre high oil refinery chimney during a climate protest in Belgium, Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director followed his boss's example and jumped into the sea, and into the path of the oncoming seismic survey vessel Amazon Warrior.



**Rotating the swimmers:** Greenpeace did not leave the swimmers in the water for very long, but rotated them in and out of the water as this image from Greenpeace shows. A new swimmer wearing a survival suit can be seen standing in the RHIB ready to replace the swimmer clinging to the buoy.





**Charge sheet:** Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director has published on social media, a photograph of the cover page of the charging document filed at the District Court at Napier he has been served with, alleging he had interfered in the operations of the Amazon Warrior on or about 10 April 2017.

The offence, if convicted, carries a maximum penalty of 12 month's imprisonment or a fine not exceeding \$50,000. He has to appear in court on 10 May to answer the charge.

A not guilty plea seems unlikely to succeed, especially when Greenpeace NZ posted on its Facebook page on 10 April that, "Taitu crew have put their bodies on the line and have entered the water in front of the Amazon Warrior and halted seismic testing!"



**Charging Document**

MO/9003

s 14 Criminal Procedure Act 2011

Filed in the District Court at Napier

CRN: 1704/1500183

on:

**Defendant**

Name: Russel William Norman

PRN:

Address:

Gender: Male

Date of birth:

Driver licence no:

Occupation: Chief Executive

**Offence details**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Investigator for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, have good cause to suspect that RUSSEL NORMAN has committed the offence specified below.

Date of offence: On or about 10 April 2017

Offence location: at Napier

Offence code: 7199

Offence description: did intentionally engage in conduct that results in interference with any operations or activities being carried out, or works being executed, on, by means of, or in connection with such a ship namely the Amazon Warrior.

Legislative reference: Section 101B(1)(c) of the Crown Minerals Act 1991

Maximum penalty: 12 months imprisonment or a fine not exceeding \$50,000.

Offence category: 3 Representative charge: No Alternative charge: No

**First appearance hearing**

Date: 10/05/2017

Time: 09:00am

Court: District Court at Napier

**Prosecutor details**

Prosecutor:

Address for service: Legal Services Branch, Level 7, 15 Stout Street,

Wellington

Email:

@mbie.govt.nz

Phone:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

MSI-MAKD-17806998

## Council to Divest from Fossil Fuels

### 11 April

The Auckland-based issue motivated climate group, 350 Aotearoa, has claimed it as a "win" that the Auckland Council has voted last week to withdraw all investments in

companies that produce and extract coal, oil and gas.

Although 350 Aotearoa has been campaigning for this for a long time, the vote was not unexpected given the council's decision last November opposing the Government's 2017 Block Offer.

The council's Finance and Performance Committee has decided to implement a policy that would exclude all fossil fuel companies from its investments, and pull all \$15 million of its current investments out of the industry

. "This has been a massive win for climate justice and environmental health," claims 350 Aotearoa's Executive Director, who in 2013 was one of those Greenpeace protesters aboard the yacht Vega which protested against the drilling operations of the drill ship Noble Bob Douglas off the Raglan coast.

"We have been campaigning for years now to get the council to behave consistently with its environmental commitments and values. Fossil fuel divestment is essential to creating a livable, sustainable future," she added.

The decision came after campaigners, protesters, the general public, and some councillors pressured the Auckland Council to make a tangible statement in regard to sustainability and climate change.

Supporters of the group attended the committee meeting to give statements in support of divestment. The council vote said, "(council) funds invested should at a minimum exclude...fossil fuels (specifically oil, coal and gas) reserves."

The council also decided to "confirm divestment of existing investments that are not consistent with the revised responsible investment policy as soon as practicable."



## East Coast Exploration Protest Forum

**22 April**

The East Coast, Ngāti Kahungunu-aligned issued motivated group Te Ikaroa has organised a forum in Wellington later this month to discuss resistance to the exploration for oil and gas in its rohe (traditional territorial boundary).

This event is being held at the Victoria University's Law School on 22 April (see image below). A Facebook events page set up to promote the forum has so far elicited responses from 36 people who say they will be attending.

Promotional material from Te Ikarao to promote the event reads:

"You are invited to this one-day forum to discuss oil exploitation in Te Ikaroa Rāwhiti and the impact on the oceans and our people of Te Ikaroa Rāwhiti. Currently, oil companies Statoil and Chevron are searching for oil in Te Ikaroa Rāwhiti. And they are just the beginning. The Government has just announced it has opened further lands of Te Ikaroa Rāwhiti to oil companies.

"We have invited Te Ikaroa descendants Moana Jackson, Tina Ngata and Raihania Tipoki and others to present their knowledge and views on the issue.

"Moana Jackson has worked extensively on Māori and Indigenous rights issues. His knowledge on the value systems of Māori and the impact of colonization on our systems will provide critical context on where Māori are positioned in this issue.

"Tina Ngata is an environmentalist who has worked extensively on the wellbeing of lands and peoples. Tina will provide information on the current oil exploration activity in Te Ikaroa Rāwhiti and the historical relationships between indigenous peoples, Governments and the oil industry.

"Raihania Tipoki environmentalist, and waka captain of Ngāti Kahungunu ocean voyaging waka, Te Matau ā Maui will share his knowledge on the importance of waka in protecting our environments.

"This is an open forum to all particularly descendants of Te Ikaroa Rāwhiti, and the many whānau, hapu and iwi within these lands."



**Ngāti Kahungunu**

KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

presents

**TE IKAROA**  
Resisting oil  
exploitation in  
Te Ikaroa  
Saturday 22 April, 11am - 4pm

Faculty of Law (Law School)

Victoria University

Opposite Parliament Buildings, Wellington

## GUEST SPEAKERS

Moana Jackson

Raihana Tipoki

Tina Ngata



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## Lower Hutt Art Exhibition

**22 April**

Auckland artist Richard Frater will discuss his work, 'Stop Shell (oyster version) 2017'

which is one of the exhibits in the Dowse Art Museum's exhibition 'This Time of Useful Consciousness - Political Ecology Now.'

Lower Hutt's art museum says it is staging this exhibition by New Zealand artists concerned with political ecology in order to explore the "urgency to address global environmental issues and the relationship between economic, political, and social factors."



## **International Earth Day**

### **22 April**

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."



## **Oil & Gas Community Action**

**23 April**

In Dunedin, the issue motivated groups Oil Free Otago and Students for Environmental Action have organised a day-long seminar on the topic of 'Oil and Gas Development and Community Action in New Zealand.'

The day will start with a presentation of the recently published book 'Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand - Texas of the South Pacific.'

This will be followed by a debate entitled 'deep-sea oil: dissent, disdain and solidarity.' Finally, the day will end with a shared lunch, discussion, and an opportunity to play 'Go Mine' - a table top mineral extractions card game developed by a student as part of a Masters of Fine Art at Otago Polytechnic. This event is being held at the Dunningham Suite, Dunedin Public Library, starting at 10am and is open to the public.



# Oil & Gas Development & Community Action in New Zealand

Dunningham Suite  
4th Floor Dunedin Public Library  
Sunday 23 April 2017

10am - 3pm

Free entry

Hosted by Oil Free Otago and  
Students for Environmental Action.



**10am:** Dr Terrence Loomis presents his latest book: *Petroleum Development and Environmental Conflict in Aotearoa New Zealand - Texas of the South Pacific*

**11am:** Dr Sophie Bond presents her research: *Debating deep-sea oil: dissent, disdain and solidarity*

**12:00 - 3pm:** Stay for a shared lunch, some lively discussion and play Ruth Evans' *GO MINE*: A tabletop game based on New Zealand's mineral extraction industries

See [oilfreeotago.com](http://oilfreeotago.com) for more information.

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