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Because the tribunal was a commission of inquiry, not a court, the council's lawyer says it has a broader discretion to inquire into the adequacy of government actions.

A council spokesman says the Mataatua district was taking the case on behalf of all Maori. "The scientific data clearly shows that the New Zealand Government needs to be doing a lot more than it's doing at the moment. It is dragging the chain as far as the rest of the world is concerned. The problem is the Crown has not had a conversation with Maori about it, this is the beginning of that conversation," he said.

Environment Minister Paula Bennett said she was limited in what she could say about the latest case, with the matter currently before the tribunal.

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IMGs Claim Credit for Conference Shift

03 July

A number of issue motivated groups have claimed credit for the news that the New Zealand Petroleum Conference won't be held in New Plymouth next year.

Despite the conference organisers (the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand) citing delegate dissatisfaction with the amenities available in New Plymouth for the reason for not going back to New Plymouth next year, a number of issue motivated groups are claiming the real reason because the protests they mounted against the event has put the organisers off. See photo below of protest at this year's conference in New Plymouth.

Commenting on PEPANZ's announcement this week that next year's conference would be in Wellington, Climate Justice Taranaki claimed, "Petroleum Conference moving to Wellington next year. We chased the polluters out of town! So that means our People's Climate Summit will take place in the capital next year."

Taranaki Energy Watch claimed credit also, its coordinator stating on social media, "The New Zealand Petroleum Conference is moving to Wellington from New Plymouth 'the home of oil and gas' because the venue isn't good enough, not because the event was delayed and disrupted by hundreds of protesters. Yeah right."

Greenpeace NZ's Iwi Liaison Officer who played a leading role organising protests against this year's conference, posted a news item about the conference change on Facebook with the comment, "Here's one for all of you that came to Ngamotu (New Plymouth) this year to dismantle the oil industry."

Meanwhile, Oil Free Wellington, commenting on the conference's shift of venue for 2018 said, "Wow, it looks like the petroleum summit is coming to Wellington next year. We look forward to shutting it down."



Climate Change & Political Action

08 July

Grassroots to Policy Makers: Climate Change and Political Action is a panel discussion of local climate change issues for the Wellington region and positive action being taken by local environmental groups. Panellists include representatives from the Greater Wellington Regional Council; Hutt City Council; Friends of the Waiwhetu Stream; and issue motivated group Generation Zero. At 2pm at the Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt.



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Refitted Greenpeace Ship Off to Protest

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The exploration will involve drilling seven exploratory wells that Greenpeace is opposed to.

While Greenpeace is taking legal action in a bid to stop the exploration, arguing it breaches Article 112 of the Norwegian Constitution guaranteeing its citizens the right to a healthy and safe environment, it also appears to be planning protest action in a classic two-pronged approach the organisation is known to employ.

The likelihood of the latter was made clear only just this week when Greenpeace posted images of the final preparations being made on board the Arctic Sunrise prior to departure from Delfzijl in Holland.

The image below of some the direct action protest equipment loaded on the vessel prior to its departure was included amongst several images Greenpeace crew members posted on the vessel's Facebook page prior to the Arctic Sunrise's departure.

The image shows a 'portaledge' shelter which Greenpeace activists use to hang off a structure like an oil platform where they can sleep and rest during an occupation.

Accompanying the image was this commentary, hinting that an occupation of an offshore installation was being planned, "After finishing our working hours we still had to put away the action gear we were checking this afternoon, but before doing so, we started to relax and we ended up shooting these pictures. The portaledge you see can be used by our climbers to stay aloft and resist in the position for some days. It's a great action tool we may use any time soon."

Crew members on board the vessel have also posted hints on Facebook suggesting protest action is being planned against a Statoil installation, and asking supporters to "stay tuned."



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12 July

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The 855 tonne Rainbow Warrior III is at Rijeka, Croatia, as it continues its campaign against pollution by plastics dumped in the Mediterranean Sea (see image below).

Arctic Sunrise

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Anniversary Day Shot at Oil Industry

10 July

Greenpeace New Zealand this week marked the 32nd anniversary of the sinking of the organisation's original Rainbow Warrior protest vessel in Auckland Harbour by launching a new educational website about the famous incident involving the only time another government has mounted a military attack on New Zealand soil.

It's Executive Director also used it as an opportunity to take a shot at the oil and gas industry here.

Labelled New Zealand's only incident of state-sponsored terrorism, the 1985 incident claimed the life of one activist (a photographer) who drowned below deck when went back to recover his cameras and tragically, was drowned when the vessel flooded, listed to one side, and sank from the stern at its berth at Marsden Wharf.

The new Greenpeace website includes never before seen secret documents released by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (SIS) about the incident when

French secret agents were caught almost red handed for blowing up the vessel in Auckland Harbour with limpet mines.

Speaking of the incident this week, Greenpeace New Zealand released a statement saying, "It is always a sad day for us - one of our family, Fernando Pereira, was murdered and there has never been justice for him."

Speaking at the launch of the new website, which Greenpeace says is aimed at encouraging school teachers to take the lessons learned from the Rainbow Warrior bombing into the classroom, its Executive Director took the opportunity to take a shot at the oil and gas industry and the Government for charging him for protesting against offshore exploration recently.

He said, "The anniversary of the Rainbow Warrior bombing is also a reminder of how effective people power can be. The bombing was intended to shut down Greenpeace's Nuclear Free Pacific campaign, but what it actually did was bring people together throughout the country to take a stand against the world's nuclear superpowers. And people power ended French nuclear testing in the Pacific.

"As we face the two largest existential threats to human survival - climate change and nuclear weapons - I think we can take heart from the fact that when we stand together, we can beat anything. This is particularly important today as we confront the New Zealand Government working in collusion with the oil industry to stop peaceful protest about climate change.

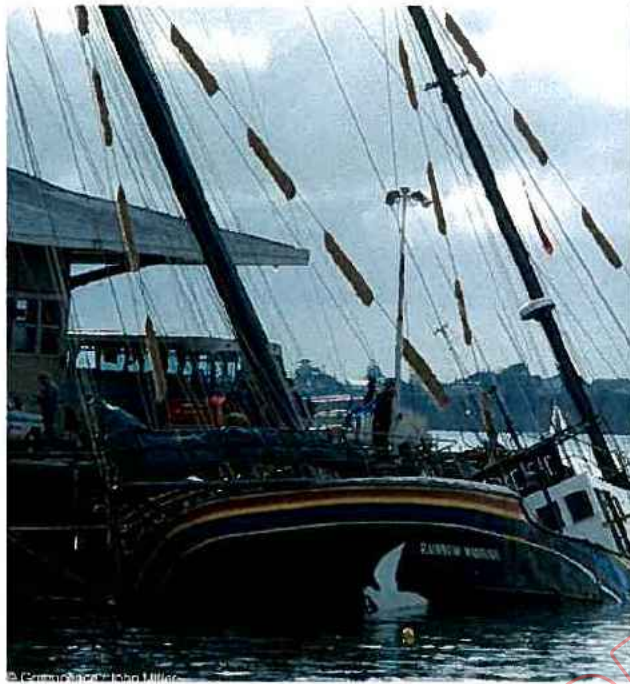
"Just recently, a group of peaceful protesters, including myself, were prosecuted for putting ourselves in the water in front of the world's largest seismic ship to stop it from searching for the new oil we know will destroy our climate.

"We were charged by the Government's oil division under the Anadarko Amendment, legislation that was rushed through in 2013 without any public consultation to shield oil companies from peaceful protest in New Zealand.

"The spirit of the original Rainbow Warrior is still strong in Greenpeace and, working alongside millions of others, we will defeat the oil industry and the Governments it employs," he said.

This year's anniversary was also marked by one New Zealand newspaper tracking down the French secret agent who infiltrated Greenpeace's Auckland office in 1985 posing as an anti-nuclear activist, but who in reality provided vital information about the movement of the ship and its crew so the attack could be mounted. The agent, now retired, is reported as being unrepentant about her role in the attack.

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'Living Next to a Gas Well' Tour

09 July

The coordinator of the issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch is using some of her break from teaching to tour Otago and Southland speaking on what she says is her personal experiences of living near an oil and gas well.

The tour has been inspired by the Government's inclusion of parts of the Southland Basin in the 2017 Block Offer involving a 3568sqkm area, including the southern shores of Lake Te Anau, and which is sure to become a protest focus for environmentalists.

The first talk is been given at the Knox Church in Dunedin on 20 July and hosted by the issue motivated group Oil Free Otago.

The Taranaki activist is using the photograph (below) taken by another Taranaki activist to advertise her speaking tour.



Protest Against Construction Company

08 July

A small group of protesters from the issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington protested last week at a Downer-controlled building site in protest of what they allege is that company's support for the building of the controversial Carmichael Open Cast Coal Mine in Queensland by Indian company Adani Group.

Activists in Australia have named the mining contractor Downer Group as the prime target of a civil disruption campaign to force it to walk away from a \$2bn deal to build and run the proposed coal mine.

Up to half a dozen activists from Oil Free Wellington protested peacefully outside the site of Wellington's new air traffic control tower which is being built by Downer-owned company, Hawkins Construction.



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Kiwi Activists in Arctic Oil Protest

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Two New Zealand Greenpeace activists have been deployed by the organisation to join its international body's protest against Statoil's exploratory operations in Norway's Arctic regions.

The two protesters, one of whom is television and film actress Lucy Lawless, have joined the crew of Greenpeace's recently refitted ice breaker, the Arctic Sunrise, which is currently protesting against the Norwegian flagged semi-submersible oil rig, the Songar Enabler in the Barents Sea.

The other Kiwi is a member of Greenpeace New Zealand's head office staff in Auckland and who has the dual role of media officer and toilet and bathroom cleaner on board the vessel.

Despite her celebrity status as one of New Zealand's most successful 'exports' to Hollywood, Lawless has also been given a menial task on board the protest ship, although hers is slightly more 'glamorous' as she is working as a kitchen hand in the galley.

The Arctic Sunrise intercepted the rig 275 km North of the Norwegian coast on Friday, and sent 11 activists in RHIBs to get closer to display protest signs, while the Arctic Sunrise circled around it (see further information below).

Since then Greenpeace announced on Saturday it had dropped protesters protected by immersion suits (including Lawless) in the icy waters around the rig.

Greenpeace has been quick to link the protest with opposition it is mounting here to Statoil's exploration activities and to exploit Lucy Lawless' celebrity status as the 'face' of this protest. Greenpeace New Zealand has kept up a steady stream of social media posts since Thursday about the protest, heavily promoting the role Lawless is playing for the organisation.

On Saturday, Greenpeace NZ said on its Facebook page, "Statoil, the same

Norwegian driller we've been fighting off here in NZ, now has its sights set on the Arctic. We'll fight them here and we'll fight them there because if we're going to avoid total climate catastrophe, we have to end oil! If we are to have a future, the oil industry must have no future."

It is of course not the first time the actress has fronted a protest for Greenpeace, being one of seven Greenpeace protesters arrested in New Plymouth in February 2012 for illegally occupying the drill ship Noble Discoverer.

The crew of the Arctic Sunrise is made up of 19 different nationalities, and is the vessel's first operational deployment since undergoing a major refit in Holland that took almost a year.

So far the protesters have just limited themselves to peaceful rhetoric and not interfered in the rig's activities. However, the Arctic Sunrise is known to have on board equipment for protesters to attach themselves to the rig to allow for a sustained occupation.

The protest is part of a two-pronged approach Greenpeace International has mounted towards opposing Statoil's operations in the Arctic.

The second prong involves court action in Norway the organisation is taking in an attempt to have a court declare that by granting new oil drilling licenses in the Arctic ocean the Norwegian government is contravening the Paris Agreement and violates the Norwegian constitutional right to a healthy and safe environment for current and future generations.

Greenpeace have released a series of photographs of the confrontation with the rig for editorial use and in which Lucy Lawless features predominately as the organisation's 'face of the protest' (see images below).







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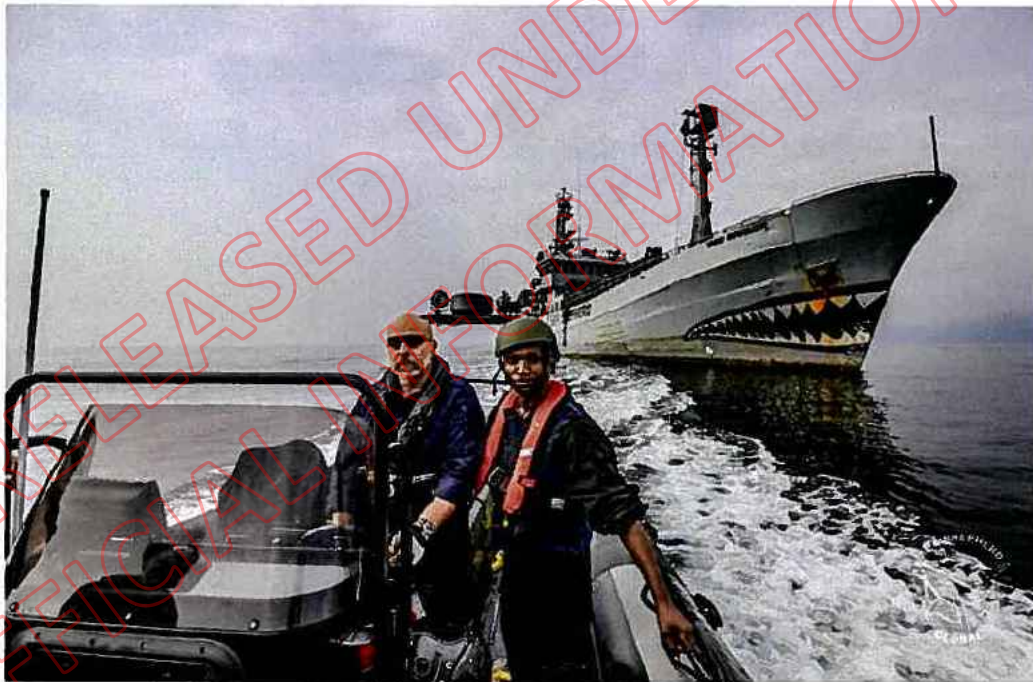
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Local Flag Flown at US Chevron Protest

19 July

The North Island, east coast, issue motivated group (IMG) Te Ikaroa says it has had supporters in the San Francisco area of the United States fly one of its flags at a protest outside Chevron's Richmond refinery this month.

The protest was one of four protest marches the US issue motivated group 'Idle No More' organised against oil refineries in the United States. These peaceful protest marches have been held in California, the latest one being aimed at refineries in the San Francisco Bay area.

Te Ikaroa has, through involvement and support for the Sioux Indian protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline in the US, built up a reciprocal arrangement for support from anti-oil and gas IMGs in America for its protests against Chevron and Statoil here.



Regional Council Sees No Conflict

17 July

Despite it progressing a proposed plan change which would prohibit oil and gas exploration activities in certain areas, the Hawkes Bay Regional Council does not see a conflict with accepting the generosity of oil company OMV New Zealand which has offered an investment of \$50,000 per year for four years into the Hawkes Bay Regional Biodiversity Strategy.

In what the Hawkes Bay News Collective has described this month as "A stunning about face" the council wants to work with OMV New Zealand to achieve its biodiversity goals.

According to the council's environmental services committee agenda, the decision to consider the partnership was made last February, a few months after the council's chairman declared he wanted no drilling for oil on or near the Bay's aquifers.

In their report to the committee, council staff say that potential business investment in biodiversity in Hawke's Bay will be key to achieving its regional biodiversity strategy goals. They then go on to discuss the potential partnership with OMV NZ.

The report says OMV NZ has indicated they are interested in partnering with the council to potentially fund a predator control project in Mahia to the tune of \$200,000 over four years.

However, not all councillors agree, including one strongly anti-oil and gas councillor, who has been engaged in past protests against the industry in Hawkes Bay, has gone on public record saying he questions the motives of the oil company.

"OMG NZ holds an offshore exploration permit, some of which comes under HBRC's jurisdiction. To my mind this raises serious concerns about potential conflict of interest for HBRC, let alone the moral and ethical dilemma created by accepting money from the oil and gas industry," he said.

Reporting on the situation this month, the Hawkes Bay News Collective said, "Looking at it chronologically, a month after OMV approached council with their offer, the government announced its 2017 petroleum block offer – essentially putting 5,500 km² of the Bay up for sale – including areas of Hawke Bay outside three nautical miles from shore - to oil and gas companies.

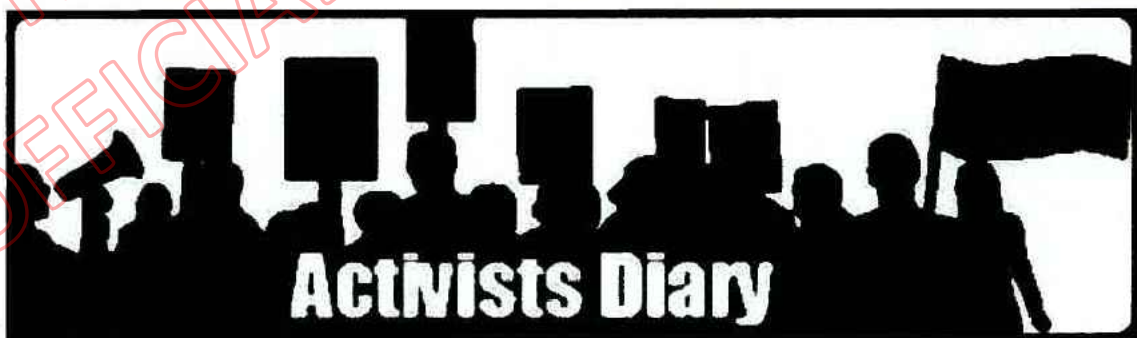
"At the time, Energy Minister Judith Collins said East Coast-Pegasus Basin [just off the coast of the Bay] is one of New Zealand's most prospective basins, with known petroleum systems and natural oil and gas seeps.

"Then in April this year, regional councillors stated they were willing to take on

Government in a David and Goliath battle if it meant keeping the oil and gas companies out of Hawke Bay."

The Minister at the time is reported as having "slammed" the prohibition in a letter she penned to Hawkes Bay regional councillors.

OMV, like others in the industry, says it has a strong focus on corporate social responsibility in all the countries where they operate working and says it is committed to on ongoing projects across New Zealand including predator control on wildlife sanctuaries, restoration of wetland habitats and regeneration projects which have a high likelihood of delivering measurable environmental benefits to the local community.



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1. An event, threat, or activity is very unlikely.	LOW (Green) 1-2	Normal Response Routine Protective Security measures are applied appropriate to the circumstances.
2. An event, threat, or activity is possible.	MODERATE (Blue) 3-4	
3. An event, threat or activity is likely.	ELEVATED (Yellow) 5-6	Heightened Response Sustainable Protective Security measures reflecting the nature of the risk without causing undue hardship or effecting operational capability.
4. An event, threat or activity is very probable.	HIGH (Orange) 7-8	
5. An event, threat or activity is almost certain.	EXTREME (Red) 9-10	Exceptional Response Maximum Protective Security measures are required to minimise vulnerabilities and risk.

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