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Oil and Gas Activism



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Anger Over Research Ship Used for Surveys

20 December

Greenpeace NZ's Northland-based climate campaigner has reopened the debate about the work NIWA does for the oil and gas industry by again condemning and inciting protest against the organisation a month after Greenpeace occupied the organisation's survey vessel, the *RV Tangaroa* at Wellington (see photo below).

In a Facebook post to his 6,000 plus friends and followers, he said he found it "highly offensive" that the NIWA vessel *RV Tangaroa* was being used by the oil and gas industry to assist oil exploration. "And even more offensive," he added "...We as taxpayers subsidise the costs. But what offends me the most is the use of the name Tangaroa. For those unfamiliar with this name it refers to one of the Atua (Gods) of the ocean. Either stop supporting the oil industry or surrender the name of that vessel. F*****n culture vultures ..."

The Facebook post has now received over 460 'likes' and been shared 126 times. It has also attracted more than 60 comments - many of them angry and abusive towards NIWA. Of the 67 comments made so far, three have been in defence of NIWA and 64 condemnatory.

Responding to some of them, Greenpeace's Northland Climate Campaigner commented that he has friends who are scientists for NIWA and his comments were not aimed at them but the system. "Just to add," he said, "...there are a lot of good scientists at NIWA who are grappling with serious atmosphere, oceans and climate issues and research. I've got some valued friends that have worked for them and still do. The problem is that our once fully funded and public National Science organisation got screwed up during the privatisation era and now have to provide their services to the oil industry as well as us. They instead should be providing their science to us the people for the public-good exclusively. As it is now, the oil industry gets to tap into public money to pay for their private profit."

On 24 November, a Greenpeace NZ Direct Action team targeted the *Tangaroa* for a protest occupation while it was docked at Wellington. In a statement released the same day, Greenpeace NZ claimed, "the NIWA taxpayer-funded climate and ocean research boat, *Tangaroa*, has been refitted at a cost of \$24 million for oil and gas exploration".

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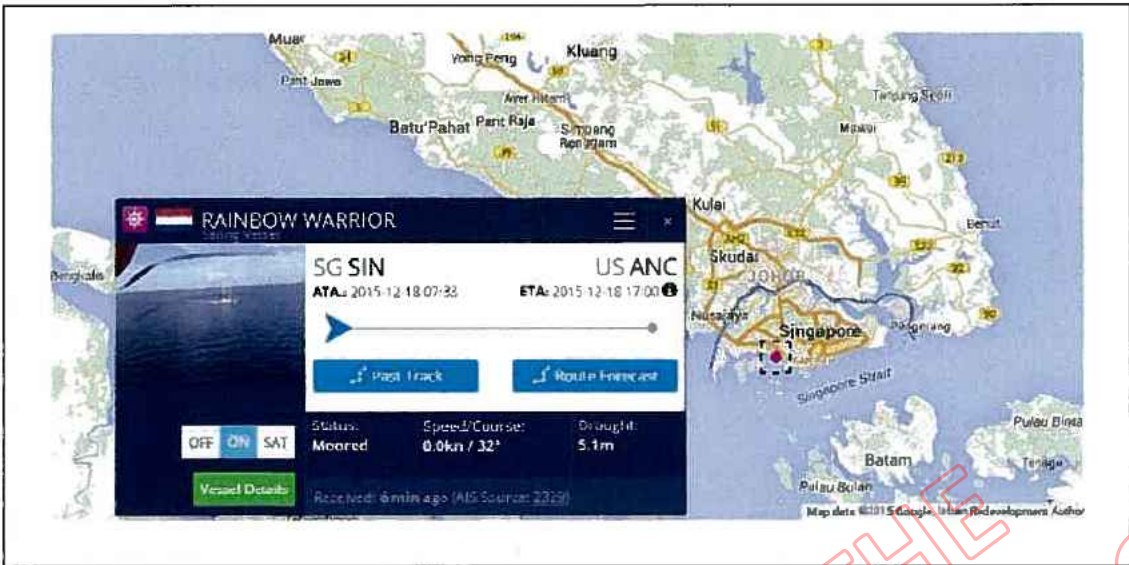
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In terms of the current whereabouts and intentions of Greenpeace International's three campaign ships, two are currently in the Southern Hemisphere.

Greenpeace's flagship, the *Rainbow Warrior III*, has come out of dry dock in Singapore where it has been undergoing routine maintenance. The vessel is now at anchor off Sentosa Island, Singapore, and is showing Anchorage, Alaska, as its next destination, although no time frame for departure from Singapore has been given (see image below).

The *Esperanza* (Greenpeace's largest ship) is in South America, doing a tour of Chile. It is currently heading for Punta Arenas.

Greenpeace's third ship, the *Arctic Sunrise*, is at its home port in Amsterdam.



Wellington Ready Response Team

19 December

Oil Free Wellington, the issue motivated group which held a practice blockade of Wellington Harbour earlier this month (see image below), has sent out a notice to supporters advising those people who had agreed to be part of its Community Ready Response Team that it will be hold a meeting early next year to meet all those who have volunteered and "develop plans for the future". Oil Free Wellington has formed the Ready Response Team to mount direct action protest at short notice against vessels associated with the oil and gas industry which visit Wellington.



GPNZ Boss Claims PEPANZ 'Out to Kill us

17 November

There was some highly emotive rhetoric from Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director last week when he tried to compare the oil and gas industry to the tobacco industry. Both, he told Radio NZ were 'out to kill us'.

In a Facebook post to his more than 5,000 social media 'friends' he said, "From Morning Report this morning. I find it increasingly difficult to feel detached in the climate debate. And so I said this: 'PEPANZ [the petroleum industry group] is like the tobacco industry, they are out to kill us. Their job is to find carbon and burn it. Which means that you and me and all of our kids are going to face an out-of-control [climate] future'. So my message to the fossil fuel industry is this: when you try to destroy my kids' future by destroying our stable climate, expect resistance."



Top Climber Discounted For Now

17 November

One of Greenpeace New Zealand's top climbing protesters has been discounted for now in terms of his availability for protest against the oil and gas industry. The Auckland-based activist has now spent 10 days living in a kauri tree in west Auckland in a protest designed to stop a property developer from cutting it down (see photo below). He says he expects to spend Christmas in the tree if necessary.

This particular activist was a member of a Greenpeace Direct Action Team that earlier this year boarded and occupied Transocean's semi-submersible rig the *Polar Pioneer* in the mid-Pacific Ocean. That particular action was aimed against Shell's Arctic exploration campaign, which has since been abandoned in light of current oil prices.

More recently he was part of another Greenpeace Direct Action Team that occupied a ledge over the entrance to Parliament, causing a major review of parliament's security after the ease of which they were able to enter parliament grounds and climb up onto the roof.

Although he was not part of the actual team that occupied the ship, he also recently was a member of the Greenpeace support team that helped another group of activists to defeat security at the port of Wellington and occupy the NIWA research vessel *RV Tangaroa* for several hours.

He has also taken part in Greenpeace protests in Australia, and now has convictions for protest action in both countries. When not protesting, he works as a professional arborist in south Auckland.

It must be stressed however that while this particular activist appears sidelined for the moment, Greenpeace NZ nevertheless still has a pool of trained climbers available to it scattered around New Zealand who are capable of mounting a protest under the guidance of its full-time climbing instructor, who was one of those who also took part in the protest at parliament.



2015 Block Offer Results Angers IMGs

16 November

There has been universal condemnation and anger from anti-oil and gas issue motivated groups in response to the Government's announcement of the 2015 Block Offer.

Oil Free Wellington which had just recently organised a two-day climate protest in the Capital, was particularly angry and annoyed about the award of new permits. A spokesman for the group said, "It is more important than ever for people to stand up and resist the exploration for oil by companies like Todd, Shell, OMV, Chevron, Statoil and Anadarko".

Greenpeace led the charge with a claim that the results of the Block Offer represented a "massive failure" for the government over its commitment to battling climate change. Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director said, "the fact that none of the permits are for deep sea drilling, despite the fact the Government has been fervently pushing a deep water agenda, is proof that the Prime Minister's oil drilling programme is failing".

Describing the absence of deep sea oil permits in the Government's just-announced 2015 block offer as another "nail in the coffin" of New Zealand's oil programme, he said he also noted that "International oil giants such as Shell and Statoil didn't even bother to submit any bids".

The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) narrowed its response to reiterating its condemnation of the Government's response to save the last 50 or so Maui Dolphins from extinction, saying it was failing to protect the dolphins by selling off rights for oil and gas exploration in the waters where they are known to swim. The WWF senior campaigner for New Zealand said it was "unacceptable" that new areas of Maui Dolphin habitat were to be opened up to oil and gas exploration and seismic activities.

Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) issued an angry statement saying, "The five offshore permits for OMV and Todd Energy, along with the many other existing oil and gas operations, threaten our coastal and offshore habitats with spills and pollution, and could sound the death knell for many threatened marine mammals and seabirds that forage and traverse the area."

The Greens' spokeswoman for the environment said New Zealanders should be "appalled" the government was denying New Zealanders deep sea marine reserves "so it can promote oil exploration". The Greens' spokesman on energy was similarly unhappy with the announcement, saying, "New oil drilling permit areas less than 20 km off our coast could endanger some of the most treasured summer holiday spots in Golden Bay and the Marlborough Sounds".



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Greenpeace Pats itself on the Back

15 December

Greenpeace New Zealand posted a short video clip on YouTube thanking its supporters and celebrating the protest and campaign 'victories' it achieved this year. Protest against the oil and gas industry features predominately in the video. See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbA8JWI-WIE>

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Greenpeace Man Goes Up a Tree

14 December

With one Auckland Greenpeace activist already protesting in a tree (see story above), another, and who normally protests against the oil and gas industry, also climbed a tree in protest last week. Greenpeace NZ's senior Climate Campaigner who leads the organisation's campaign against the oil and gas industry objected to a stand of 20 pohutukawa trees in west Auckland being cut down to make way for a new intensive housing development.

He and another protester climbed into the trees to delay work, remaining there all day, but coming down after more than eight hours when the contractors abandoned the site for the day.

However, he was up there again very early the next morning, only this time to be unceremoniously pulled out of the tree by a security guard and escorted off the site. Unlike the kauri tree the other Greenpeace protester is sitting in, the pohutukawa were not tall enough for the protester to climb above the reach of security.

His protest, however, drew wide support, including from a number of opposition politicians who visited the site and condemned the felling. The developer has however said the development includes the planting of 190 new trees and when complete, the site will in fact have more trees than it previously did.



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EPA Lobbied to Ban Corexit

28 December

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner says he is approaching all the members of the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) Maori Advisory Committee (Nga Kaihautu Tikanga Taiao) to ask them to support a ban of the oil spill response dispersant Corexit.

He is promoting a petition on the Greenpeace NZ hosted petitions website *Toko* which calls on the EPA to ban Corexit because of claims the chemical dispersant actually does more harm than good. Opponents to the use of Corexit (which include Greenpeace) claim the chemical is highly toxic and has caused cancer among oil spill clean up workers who have used it. Corexit, it is claimed, is banned in 18 countries around the world, so Greenpeace's climate campaigner argues it should also not be used here.

He says he is hoping to get 10,000 signatures for the petition, so far however it has attracted only just over 100.

A 2012 law suit in the United States against the manufacturer of Corexit failed because the US District Court ruled the manufacturer had no control over how the chemical is used.

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Category: **Toxic**

Taranaki Activists' Christmas Wish

25 December

The Taranaki issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki posted this pun as its Christmas greetings to all its members and supporters of its Facebook page 'Stop the Drilling in Taranaki'. The page has 1,257 members belonging to its public group.



**NO WELLS NO WELLS
NO WELLS NO WELLS**

Greenpeace Ship Update

24 December

Greenpeace Internationals' flagship the Rainbow Warrior III has remained in Singapore and is now anchored at the the marina at the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club, where above-water maintenance continues (see photo below).

The vessel's South African-born master has confirmed in social media posts he has been making that the ship will be remaining in Singapore over the Christmas-New Year break. Its next port of destination is still being given as Anchorage, Alaska.

Meanwhile, Greenpeace's other ship which is in this part of the world (the Esperanza) has moved on from Chile and is now going to make a tour of ports in Argentina. It's first port call is at Mar Del Plata this week.



Greenpeace Activist Arrested (again)

23 December

One of Greenpeace NZ's most high profile activists was arrested for trespass again after he ended his 12-day occupation of a kauri tree in west Auckland in a protest aimed at stopping it from being cut down by a couple wanting to develop the site to build two houses (see image below).

The 32 year-old Auckland-based activist came down from the tree after it was ring barked with chain saws by a team of eight men in an early morning action that is being blamed on the property developers.

The activist gave himself up the Auckland Police and has been charged with willful trespass. He has been bailed to appear in the District Court on 06 January.

It is the second time this year the activist has been charged with trespass. He already has one recent conviction for the part he played in a Greenpeace NZ climate change protest on the roof of Parliament in June. For that protest, he and three other Greenpeace protesters were each ordered to pay \$750 in reparations to Parliamentary Services. The court heard the protesters gained access to a closed-off area at the back of the building, locking themselves in to prevent others from gaining access. They then used abseiling and climbing equipment to get onto the roof, before perching on a ledge at the front of the building and unfurling a protest banner.

In April, the same protester climbed onto the Shell-contracted rig *Polar Pioneer* in the middle of the Pacific Ocean as part of a six-person Greenpeace direct action

team while the rig was being towed towards Seattle. For that protest, the activist did not receive any punishment or face any charges.

In November, he was part of a Greenpeace NZ direct action team that travelled down from Auckland, and helped activists scale a security fence at the port of Wellington (CentrePort) so they could occupy the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa which had been contracted for a short time to two oil companies. On this occasion, the activist was not part of the team which did the actual occupation, but was part of their support crew and back up climbing team.

He also has a recent history of arrest for environmental protests he has undertaken in Australia

Talking about his latest protest up the tree, the activist told news media he knew before he climbed the tree that he would be arrested at some stage for trespass but trespassing did not worry him in circumstances where he considered the environment was at risk. "I fully well knew what I would most likely be charged with before I went up the tree but me standing by and watching a tree like this be cut down is morally wrong for me and I would rather be able to sleep at night," he said.

The activist's actions this year have resulted in him developing a large following on social media.

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Oil Free Wellington Marks 3rd Anniversary

22 December

The issue motivated group Oil Free Wellington released this poster to celebrate what it says summarises its achievements and protests since it was founded by a small handful of activists three years ago.

The group has now attracted about 1500 likes on its Facebook page and has 481 members of its public Facebook group.



Seismic Surveys a "Disco from Hell"

21 December

The Raglan issue motivated group Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) has

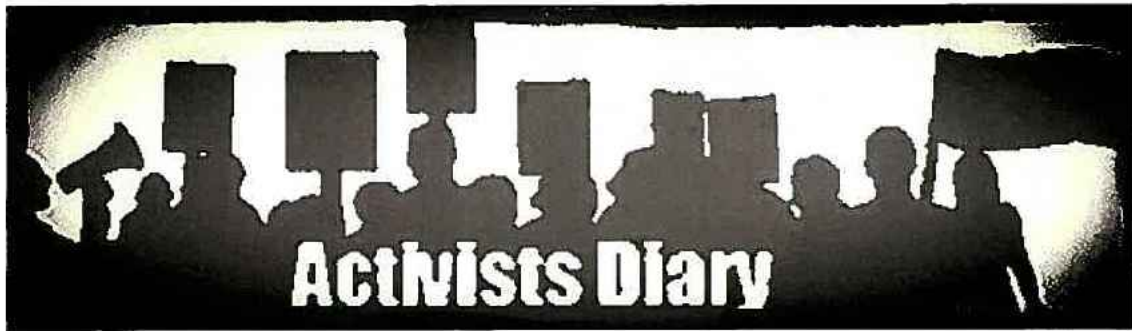
condemned offshore seismic surveying as being like "the disco from Hell" for marine life.

Commenting on news that more areas of the Taranaki Bight had been opened up for exploration in the 2015 Block Offer, KASM's Raglan-based national leader claimed seismic surveying caused "sonic pollution". More surveying in the Taranaki Bight would only just put more pressure on the survival of the last 55 Maui dolphins, he said in a statement to the news media.

"They just run long straight lines and they have apparatus behind them that lets off a sonic boom every 15 seconds and that happens 24 hours a day seven days a week for weeks on end. I've been in the water and you can feel the pulse of each and every sonic boom through your whole body and I'm not a sensitive being so the cetaceans, the marines mammals that live out out there, the Maui's dolphins and the blue whales in the South Taranaki, I have very real concerns for them," he said.

The photo below shows members of KASM protesting against a seismic survey conducted by the research vessel *Voyager Explorer* off Mokau in April 2013 in a RHIB supplied by Greenpeace NZ.





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Whistleblower's Claims Welcomed by IMGs

04 January

Claims made in court documents filed by a former employee of Origin Energy alleging that the company covered up gas leaks at its South Taranaki Rimu, Kauri and Manutahi (RKM) production facilities have been welcomed by numerous issue motivated groups (IMGs) as "proof" of the danger they claim the oil and gas industry poses to the environment.

The allegations made front page news on the weekend's edition of the *Sunday Star Times* (see below) after a former compliance manager at the Australia-based fuel firm claimed the existence of a long-running "cover-up" of oil and gas well leaks at the company's facilities across New Zealand and Australia.

The Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) has announced it will investigate the allegations which are made as part of a 29-page statement of claim the woman has filed in unfair dismissal proceedings in the Australian federal court alleging governance failures in New Zealand and Australia, including problems she claims weren't reported either in Origin's internal database or to regulators.

Responding to the allegations, a spokeswoman for the IMG Taranaki Energy Watch said, *"The news from a whistleblower at Origin is extremely worrying, even more so when we know the level of regulatory oversight is limited and there is a reliance on self-reporting. There are just not enough regulators out there 'on the ground' regularly visiting and actively monitoring these sites"*.

In repeating the story on his Facebook page, Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director commented, *"If this court case goes ahead in Australia we may for the first time get some actual insight into what really happens in the Taranaki oil and gas industry. A (now former) senior employee says she has evidence that there were gas leaks that were unreported. Currently in NZ there is little regulatory oversight of the industry"*.

Greenpeace itself said in its official response to the allegations, *"We recently raised a red flag over dozens of spill-related incidents at oil fields off Taranaki and asked whether systemic failures are to blame. If this court case goes ahead we may get some insight into what's really been happening. Currently in NZ there is very little regulatory oversight of the industry"*.

The Deputy Mayor of Christchurch, who was behind that council's opposition to the 2015 Block Offer, said *"(I) can just imagine how many spills and other problems the oil companies would self report in deep waters off NZ's coast, with no effective oversight . Can't believe the Govt is still pursuing deep sea oil - even*

after the agreement in Paris that means that the world can not use the oil if it wants to meet the targets agreed".

One of Taranaki's most high profile anti-oil and gas activists who has campaigned against industry operations near Stratford said, "Following on from Origin's whistle blower, the Rimu Production Station processes condensate, gas and LPG and has 18 associated well sites. In the report published in 2015 Taranaki Regional Council visited six times over the year however only collected water samples on one day (17 June 2014), relied on the company for air discharge records, and gave Origin Energy a high level of environmental performance".

A former South Taranaki District Council (STDC) member says both the STDC and the TRC should be monitoring more closely. The council needs to know that regulators are doing a thorough job in their checks, he said. "We've got to look very hard at them and jump up and say let's investigate them properly, let's put some people into positions of actually answering questions."

Meanwhile, the leader of the Labour Party said the energy industry was vital to Taranaki as "the entire community has a stake" in it, and the issue needed to be resolved. He also said that the public needed to be assured their safety hasn't been in put at risk. "A central government agency has responsibility to ensure that the public can be properly protected from the potential of gas leaks. I think we need that assurance," he added.

Company's Response

The whistleblower's claims have been disputed by Origin Energy, which says it will vigorously defend the allegations in court. The company says there were three independent investigations into the former employee's claims, which were all were independent, and none substantiated those claims, including her claims of serious compliance issues or alleged cover-ups.

Origin Energy's position is supported by the editor of *Energy News*, who says he does not believe the alleged leaks at New Zealand gas wells would have been a risk to people's safety. He says he suspects the alleged problem may come down to how the company was reporting spills, rather than poor work place practices.

SUNDAY STAR★TIMES

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BUMPER SUMMER PUZZLES

100% PURE? WHISTLEBLOWER SPEAKS OUT

'Cover-up' of gas leak into pure NZ

Oil and gas well tests across NZ and Australia allegedly concealed

Collaborators at fuel plant told 'don't cooperate' with probe by author

'Many of these oil and gas well sites are back-to-back with farms and linear infrastructure'

The author, a former oil and gas industry executive, has written a book detailing a cover-up of gas leaks into pure NZ. The book, 'The Cover-up', reveals how the industry has been hiding the truth about gas leaks into pure NZ for years. The author claims that the industry has been working to keep the public in the dark about the extent of the problem. He says that the industry has been using a variety of tactics to keep the public in the dark, including paying off regulators and government officials. The author also claims that the industry has been working to keep the public in the dark about the extent of the problem. He says that the industry has been using a variety of tactics to keep the public in the dark, including paying off regulators and government officials.




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Rainbow Warrior III Gets Ready to Sail

04 December

While it has not yet officially released its next destination, this image below of the crew of Greenpeace International's flag ship *Rainbow Warrior III* raising its sails and

which was published on the vessel's Facebook page in the past 24 hours gives a clear indication that the vessel is about depart Singapore.

The vessel has been there for the past few weeks undergoing routine maintenance. According to the ship tracking website marinetraffic.com, the *Rainbow Warrior III's* next destination was listed as Anchorage, Alaska but has now been changed to Busan, Korea. However, there has yet to be official confirmation that is indeed where the vessel is headed next.



Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior

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All the sails have been hoisted and Rainbow Warrior is secured for sea - ready to depart from Singapore. Here the crew hoist the Fisherman to 'Fishes in the Sea' by Clarence Simpson (featuring Scomber, Jeris). ccmixter.org/files/casimps1/32480 Licensed under creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/3.0/



Latest Position

In Range

Info Received:

4 min ago (2016-01-04 08:38)

Area: INDO - Singapore Area

Latitude / Longitude:

1.294612° / 103.7599°

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Nearby Vessels >



Iwi Observer Survey Report Made Public

31 December

The Te Rarawa iwi trainee marine mammal observer (MMO) who spent five weeks on the seismic survey vessel *Aquila Explorer* (see photo below) in the Reinga Basin in January 2015 has released her report on the experience in a 122 page public document.

She comments that all crew on-board accepted and respected her position as a "cultural and environmental iwi observer and Marine Mammal Observer in training". She describes the report as "*an indigenous perspective to seismic operations in the ancestral waters of Aotearoa*".

However, she also describes the experience in very mixed terms, given that it was a fairly ground breaking decision by an oil company (in this case Statoil) to include a representative of local iwi among the crew of a seismic survey vessel.

Her report criticises what she perceives were numerous failings and shortcomings relating to her own role - including personal complaints to do with her allegedly not being paid regularly; being supplied with incompatible equipment; tasked with a heavy workload; and the general hardship of being at sea for an extended period, away from her family.

She also complains about the personal attacks she had to endure on social media from members of her own iwi opposed to the oil and gas industry and who disapproved of her cooperating with an oil company.

On the positive side, however, she acknowledged the various professional skills she had acquired through the deployment and what she refers to as being able to

improve her taha wairua (spiritual well-being).

Also in her report she documents how she believes how on 08 January 2015 tohu wairua (Maori spirits) prevented the vessel from coming too close to the Three Kings Islands (a sacred area called Manawatawhi by Maori) 55 kilometres northwest of Cape Reinga by stopping the vessel's engines dead in the water.

She writes that, *"after a karakia I had a knowing that this was a tohu wairua to protect the area known as Manawatawhi from further disturbance to this most sacred area. When I asked what was the problems of the vessel. Nobody could pinpoint the exact issues the vessel had encountered, as no person could give an exact answer. This was a further confirmation that divine intervention of the tupuna was at work to protect this most sacred area"*.

The iwi observer says her report was commissioned in partnership and consultation for Te Runanga o Te Rarawa and Statoil. Her appointment illustrated the split opinion within the iwi of pro and anti-oil and gas factions, the latter (says the observer) being responsible for numerous personal attacks made against her and which she found distressing. The full report can be read at: www.docdroid.net/Nk9TnQa/rimu-final-parapara.pdf.html



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Greenpeace Ship Update

08 January

There was confirmation this week from Greenpeace that its flagship, the *Rainbow Warrior III*, now appears unlikely to be seen in New Zealand waters in the near future after departing Singapore on 06 January.

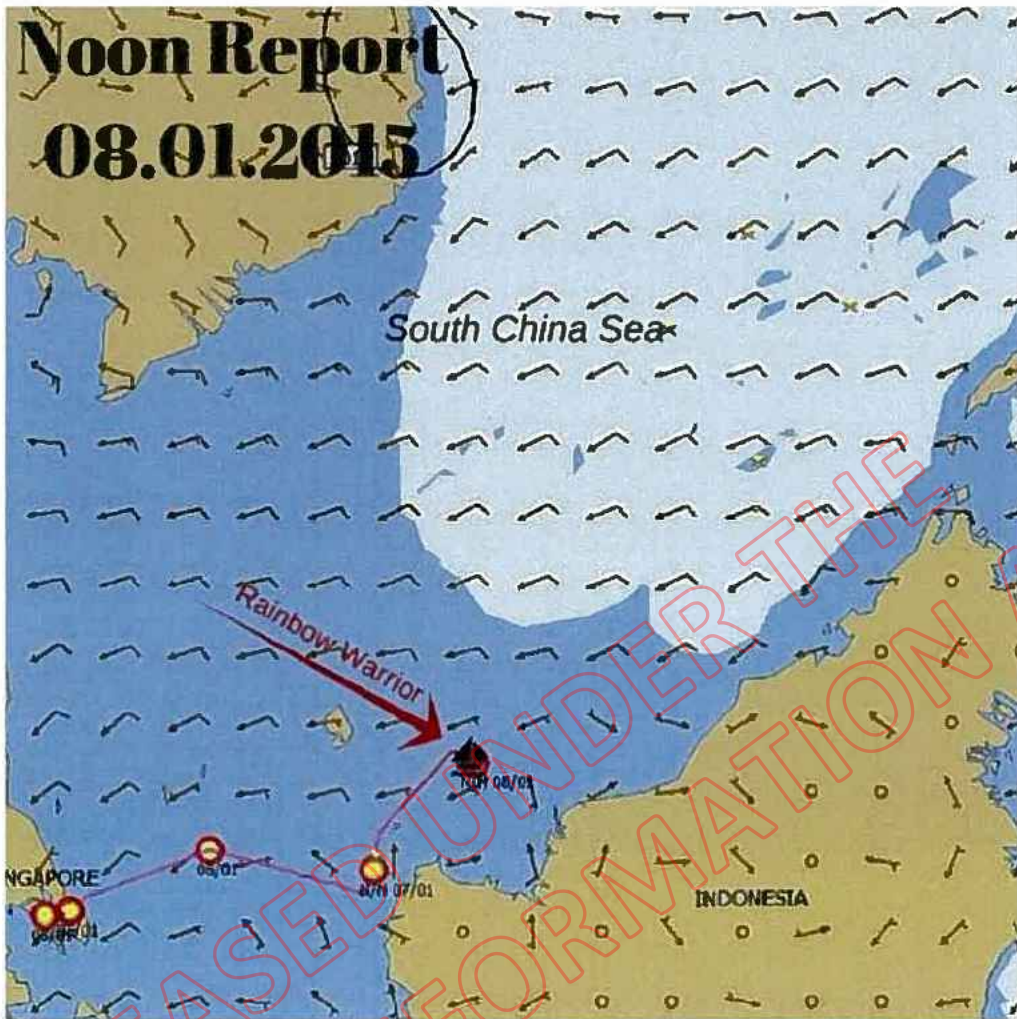
In announcing its noon position via social media on 08 January, the vessel has confirmed that South Korea (Busan) is indeed its current destination.

The vessel's departure from Singapore follows a prolonged period there for maintenance over the Christmas/New Year break. For a period prior to departure from Singapore, there was some indication via the ship tracking website marinetraffic.com that the *Rainbow Warrior III* was in fact headed for Anchorage, Alaska.

The fact that the vessel is openly broadcasting its location (see photo below) is a positive sign that protest at sea isn't currently on its agenda.

The *Rainbow Warrior III* continues to be the second Greenpeace vessel currently deployed to the Southern Hemisphere. The other vessel (*Esperanza*) is currently in Playa Varese as part of a tour of Argentina.

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Greenpeace Reminder to the Oil Industry

08 January

Greenpeace promoted this social media meme this week as reminder that despite falling prices, oil and gas companies continued to feature high on its list of priorities. The meme has been also circulated on New Zealand anti-oil and gas social media pages.



Greenpeace NZ Promising a "Big Year"

07 January

In a message to supporters, Greenpeace NZ's Supporter Relations Team Manager based in Auckland has promised the organisation is planning a "big year" in 2016.

In a message to supporters this week asking for money to finance the organisation's plans he said, *"There is so much we need to do in 2016. From breaking free from fossil fuels and moving towards renewable energy, to protecting our oceans and rivers, to defending the world's forests. We're planning a big year and we need you with us every step of the way."*

"Greenpeace is funded by donations from individuals. So monthly gifts from people like you really help us to campaign on big issues, and allow us to keep going as long as we need to."

The 'Climb it Change #StopDeepSeaOil' is a pun and slogan Greenpeace adopted during the recent UN COP21 climate talks in Paris.

CLIMB IT CHANGE #STOPDEEPSEA OIL

Protest Comes at a Cost

06 January

One of Greenpeace NZ's top climbers who has a history of protesting against oil rigs and vessels associated with the oil and gas industry, has made bail on his latest charge of wilful trespass. He is shown in the Greenpeace photo below during that organisation's occupation of the Shell-chartered rig *Polar Pioneer* in the Pacific Ocean last April.

In an appeal to his supporters to help him meet his latest legal costs for trespass related to his recent 13-day occupation of a kauri tree in West Auckland, it was stated that the activist's initial court appearance in the Waitakere District Court on 06 January alone cost him \$1500.

At that appearance, the activist did not enter a plea and has been remanded on bail for his next appearance on 20 January. The activist says he expects his legal costs for the tree protest to be about \$3000. So far, \$538 has been donated. The activist, who works as an arborist, was trying to stop a property developer cut the tree down.

Initially supporters of the activist started a fund raising page on the charity website Give a Little, but this was taken down after the property owners whose property the tree is on complained that funding a criminal defence was not a charitable purpose.

Although not an official Greenpeace protest, several senior Greenpeace employees supported the activist sitting in the tree for almost two weeks. This included Greenpeace NZ's senior climate campaigner who has been leading Greenpeace

protests against the oil and gas industry here since Anadarko began offshore exploration.

If found guilty, it will be the activist's second conviction for trespass in 12 months. In October 2015, he was convicted of trespass during a Greenpeace climate change protest at Parliament. The activist has repeatedly stated in public that he is prepared to break the law "in a heart beat" in order to protect the environment.



New Climate Action Network Website

05 January

The New Zealand Climate Action Network (New Zealand CAN) launched its new website this week.

New Zealand CAN disowns any claim to be an issue motivated group (IMG) in its own right, instead describing itself as a "*diverse, leaderless network designed to support our member organisations. We are not a campaign or organisation, but a network designed to link people and organisations who share our vision of a safe, just climate future. We provide a space for New Zealand's climate movement to communicate, collaborate and cooperate*".

It says its members comprise of environmental organisations, human rights campaigners, sustainability think tanks, youth movements, and trade unions.

New Zealand CAN does not have any paid staff. A volunteer node coordinator works

to support and maintain the network. This person is a staff solicitor at the Auckland Community Law Centre and who also acts as admin for the Aotearoa NZ Human Rights Lawyers' Association.

Its function, it says, is to provide a space for ongoing communication between members, as well as convening working groups and/or meetings for particular sectors or issue areas. Its members comprise of the following IMGs:

- 350 Aotearoa
- Action Station
- Amnesty International NZ
- Aotearoa New Zealand Human Rights Lawyers' Association
- Aotearoa Youth Leadership Institute
- Climate Defence Network
- Coal Action Network Aotearoa
- Edmund Rice Network NZ
- Forest and Bird
- Generation Zero
- Greenpeace NZ
- Human Rights Foundation of Aotearoa New Zealand
- New Zealand Youth Delegation
- Ora Taiao (NZ Climate & Health Council)
- Oxfam NZ
- P3 Foundation
- Sustainability Council of New Zealand
- Unite Union
- WWF New Zealand

See: www.nzcan.org/#new-zealand-climate-action-network .



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Greens Say Time Ideal to Stop Support

16 January

Low oil prices present the perfect opportunity for the Government to start withdrawing its support for oil exploration and deep-sea oil drilling, the male co-leader of the Green Party claimed this weekend.

Good economic management would now use the low current oil price to withdraw its support for further investment in "dirty energy" and encourage capital to flow into the clean economy instead, he said.

"We know that two-thirds of all discovered fossil fuels have to stay in the ground if we want a secure, stable climate," he added.

He also said it was the Green Party's intention to establish a Green Investment Bank to speed capital transition into a low-carbon economy, by helping to finance renewable energy plants, solar panel installations, energy efficiency retrofits and development and production of significant volumes of biofuels.



Kiwi Activist Gets Top Greenpeace Job

15 January

The former head of Greenpeace NZ has been given the job of heading Greenpeace's international structure, confirming a prediction made by Thompson+Clark last year. It appears the decision to appoint her was made in about October last year but has been kept quiet until now.

The Waiheke Island resident has been appointed joint-Executive Director of Greenpeace International based in Amsterdam. She will share the job with another female activist, an American who is currently Global Director of the climate programme at the World Resource Institute, Washington DC. Both women will take up their new role in April.

The job which was previously done by one person, has now been split into two. In making the appointments, Greenpeace International said in addition to the proven qualifications and experience of the two women, the decision to jointly appoint them to the role was made in order to "better challenge power structures outside of the organisation".

Greenpeace has said the women have been having a series of meetings since October last year to work out how they will share the role.

The 59-year-old New Zealand activist (seen here, below, protesting at sea against the drill ship Noble Bob Douglas off the Taranaki coast in 2013) was Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director for 10 years. She has worked continuously for Greenpeace for 30 years, starting off as a deckhand on Greenpeace's original ship, the Rainbow Warrior, and was a member of the crew when the vessel was bombed in Auckland Harbour in 1985 by the French Secret Service.

She is married to a former Greenpeace ship's engineer who is a Dutch national and runs a yacht charter and sailing school and whose ice-strengthened yacht the *Tiama* has frequently participated in protests at sea against the operations of the oil and gas industry.

Thompson+Clark predicted she was in running for the top job when she surprisingly resigned last year shortly after it was announced Greenpeace's international Executive Director had decided to quit. Shortly after this, Thompson+Clark detected Greenpeace's outgoing international Executive Director making a discreet visit to the Auckland head offices of Greenpeace NZ in September 2015. In contrast to normal practice, it was a visit completely devoid of any publicity and public meetings, or comment.

Another clue came last month when it was announced on the *Tiama's* blogsite that it was being readied for a voyage to the Northern Hemisphere. It appears Greenpeace International's new Co-Executive Director and her husband plan to sail

to the Netherlands to take up her new appointment and the voyage would explain why the job doesn't start until April and a 'caretaker' Executive Director has been appointed meantime.

Speaking about her appointment, the Kiwi activist said, *"Here is the challenge that lies ahead for all of us: passing on to our children a planet capable of sustaining life in all its wonderful and necessary diversity. Greenpeace needs to continue to inspire people to fearlessly keep the idea that this is possible alive. Having spent a lifetime in the heart of environmental activism and watched its ebbs and flows, the opportunity to take my experiences from behind the desk and below the mainsail and be part of this re-invigorated movement is one I am very excited about.*

"What we need is to make the creative space and find the confidence to figure out how we combine and aggregate the power of everyone who believes in 'Greenpeace the idea' - not 'Greenpeace the organisation'. Not the bricks and mortar, but the idea. How do we combine our rebellious creativity with the rebellious creativity of the millions of people and organisations around the world who believe a better world is possible. How do we empower and accelerate that with humility and urgency?"



Time to Lay Off Deep Sea Oil - GPNZ

14 January

Greenpeace NZ's Executive Director (see here, below, during last year's protest

occupation of the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa) Tweeted this message to his 20000+ followers on Twitter after reading a Bloomberg News article quoting the Director General of the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate saying that country's oil industry was in crisis:

If Norwegian oil industry is in crisis maybe now's a good time for Statoil to lay off deep sea oil exploration in NZ?

The article he was referring to can be read here: <http://tinyurl.com/jgoa6hp>



Greenpeace NZ Refers to Seismic 'Blasting'

13 January

Greenpeace New Zealand (GPNZ) reminded its supporters last week of what it considers to be the 'evil' of "*seismic blasting*".

Although its criticism was levied at exploration operations in the Arctic, it

nevertheless reminded supporters that it believes seismic operations everywhere, including in New Zealand waters, were still *"harmful to whales and other creatures and needs to stop"*.



Greenpeace New Zealand

11 hrs

Seismic blasting the Arctic in the name of OIL?? It's harmful to whales and other creatures and it needs to STOP. We're moving towards a 100% renewable future and there's no place for dirty fossil fuels.

SIGN NOW if you agree! <http://grnpc.org/StopTheBlasts>



Northland Protest Against Deep Sea Oil

11 January

In Northland, the leader of the anti-oil and gas IMG 'Stop Statoil Te Hiku' has announced that he is again this year organising a protest hikoi (march) from Cape Reinga to Waitangi to coincide with the annual Waitangi Day celebrations.

Again, like last, year, the protest will be against offshore exploration for oil and gas (although a raft of other protest issues are being included as part of the reason as well).

In a social media message to the IMG's almost 1900 members, the group's leader said on 11 January, *"There will be a Hikoi leaving Te Reinga on the 1st of February to arrive in Waitangi on the 3rd of February. Taking the mauri of the Hikoi to Waitangi to ensure the history of protest against corrupt corporate Governments is upheld, is the purpose of this Hikoi ki Waitangi 2016. I would also like to invite*

any memorials to old warriors that have passed on in the past year, to walk along beside us in our honour of their memories of their fight for our peoples rights.

"The importance that Te Tiriti o Waitangi has in protecting the independence of our nation and our tino rangatiratanga is vital to a victorious campaign to wake up the people to protect our childrens futures from the dangers we as a country face from the colonial oppressors banging on our sacred shores.

"To support the actions against #Climatechange , #COP21 ,#STOPSTATOIL and #TPPANOway, this hikoi will be conducted using energy efficient methods of travel. Walking, running, relays, biking and energy efficient vehicles will be the main mode of Hikoi to arrive in Waitangi by the 3rd February".

Since its inception, Stop Statoil Te Hiku has organised an annual protest hikoi against offshore exploration, although this year the protest is not just solely about that specific issue.



Activist Highlights Safety Violations

09 January

Greenpeace NZ's Northland climate activist (and who is an outspoken opponent of offshore exploration) has drawn the attention of his 6500+ followers on Facebook to safety violations on offshore oil and gas platforms.

He has however not referred specifically to operations in New Zealand but limited his criticism to news that Norway's Petroleum Safety Authority (PSA) has reported numerous safety violations onboard the new Statoil Valemon Platform. This may be deliberate, as the activist's main area of responsibility is to lead Greenpeace's campaign against Statoil operations here, particularly in Northland.

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Safety Violations On New Statoil Valemon Platform

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Norway's Petroleum Safety Authority (PSA) have reported numerous safety violations onboard the brand new Statoil

Valemon Platform.

Safety Violations

According to a PSA report published Thursday (Jan 7th) four non-conformities were found on the North Sea oil platform that was only opened in April 2015, under huge fanfare, in the presence of the Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy- Tord Lien.



19 January: Climate Change Hui

A Climate Change hui for Ngati Porou has been scheduled for Tuesday 19 January 2016, commencing at 11am at Hauiti Marae in Tolaga Bay.

The iwi says this is an opportunity for Ngati Porou to learn more about the International Climate Change Agreement established at the Climate Change Conference in Paris in December 2015, as well as the review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) and its potential impacts on Ngati Porou and Iwi and hapu.



Te Runanga O Ngati Porou

01 February: Protest Hiko

The leader of the issue motivated group Stop Statoil Te Hiku has organised a protest hiko from Cape Reinga on 01 February, arriving in Waitangi on 03 February to coincide with the annual Waitangi Day celebrations. This is not the first such Waitangi protest hiko organised by Stop Statoil Te Hiku and like the previous ones is motivated by the same issues of opposition to offshore oil exploration in the Reinga Basin by Statoil, Climate Change, and the Governments' support of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA).

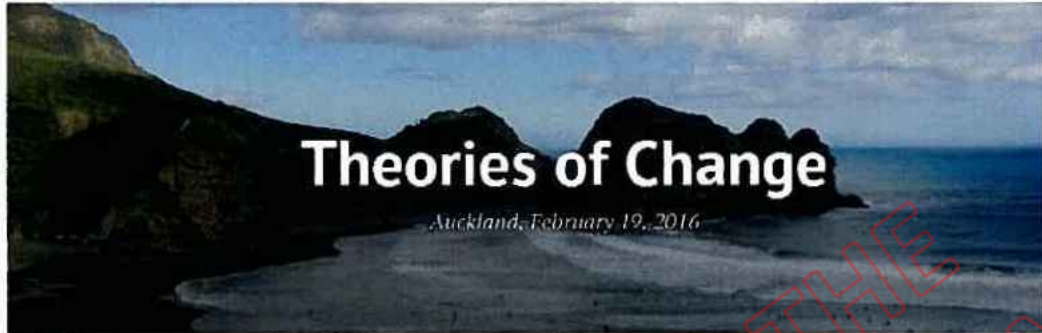


19 February: Theories of Change Hui

Three Auckland activists are offering a free, one-day hui on the theories of change for 150 people on 19 February at the Auckland University School of Psychology.

Among the 12 guest speakers are two of Greenpeace NZ's leading activists - its senior climate campaigner and its climbing instructor who heads Greenpeace NZ's

team of climbing protesters known within the organisation as the 'Ninja's'. Other speakers include the co-founder of the youth climate group Generation Zero, and a Campaign Director at ActionStation, which is a non-profit group dedicated to the digital promotion of environmental and social justice campaigns.



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TPPA Signing Distracts Oil and Gas Activists

30 January

The forthcoming signing of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) in Auckland on 04 February is distracting many anti-oil and gas issue motivated groups (IMGs) from their usual focus of protest. These groups for the meantime appear to be focusing the bulk of their energies on supporting protests against the signing of the TPPA.

Typical of this position are comments made by Oil Free Wellington which is supporting protests against the signing on the basis it believes if New Zealand signs the agreement it will "have huge effects" on the ability of IMGs to resist the expansion of the fossil fuel industry.

In another example, the Northland IMG Stop Statoil Te Hiku is mounting a protest hikoī (march) from Cape Reinga to Auckland as part of the protests opposing the signing.

The chief issue for marchers on last year's Waitangi hikoī was oil exploration, particularly by Norwegian firm Statoil off Northland's west coast. This year the subject firing up marchers is expected to be the TPPA, although opposition to deep sea oil is still a part of the motivation for this year's hikoī.

Oil Free Wellington claims that if the TPPA is signed, "*The Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions (will) enable big corporates to sue states if they feel their profits will be threatened. In terms of climate change and fossil fuels, this could have a severe chilling effect on government action.*"

Some protests have already occurred and more are planned for Auckland and other New Zealand centres on 04 February.

**NO MANDATE
DO NOT SIGN**

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4 TPPA
PEOPLE POWER

**EVERYONE
EVERYWHERE**

Activist Urges 'Attacks' on Oil Companies

29 January

Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner is urging attacks on the viability of oil companies by choosing alternative sources of energy.

The Cooper's Beach-based activist in a Facebook post to his 7,000+ social media friends and followers on 29 January posted a short motivational piece in which he encouraged what he called head on "attacks" against oil companies. While he did not elaborate, he presumably meant by the context that he was talking figuratively in terms of challenging the industry's operations.

However, another way, he said, was to choose alternative sources of 'free' energy, especially for Maori. In the post, he said, "*One way of disrupting a contentious*

issue is to take it head on and smash it...take the oil issue for example, we attack the companies and the government and we should.

"Another way we can bring them down is make them redundant...for example: The narrative goes like this - imagine your marae roof is covered in solar panels and supplying free clean energy to the wharenui and wharekai, the kohanga reo and the kaumatua flats too...every time you go to the mare for a hui or a tangi you plug your electric car into the free charging point and that pays for your travel...imagine the extra cash in your pocket.

"Now not everyone understands the need to defend ourselves from fossil fuels or wants the drama of the fight but who doesn't want the free energy option? Once enough people take this option up the fossil fuel industry is redundant ...Different tactic same outcome.

"We could apply the same theory to the political system...keep on fighting them (and we should) and at the same time build an alternative system and make them redundant. Of course this is a simplistic description of tactical options and there are more tactics than just these two but I'm putting this out there for you to consider the principle involved. Tactical intelligence is a wonderful thing."

The activist ended his post by telling his followers that if they wanted to know more about energy disruption they should have a look at the Facebook page of a IMG called Alternative Energy Group Aotearoa which promotes alternative energy sources to fossil fuels.



Far North Activist Fund Raiser

28 January

The Far North issue motivated group Protect Te Reinga raised \$500 by asking 25 of its supporters to each pledge \$20 towards the group's ongoing efforts to oppose

deep sea oil in the Reinga Basin and seabed mining. It only took the group less than a week to collect the \$500 needed.



Survey Ship Accused of Plundering Ocean

27 January

Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland Climate Campaigner has accused the Chinese survey vessel Hai Yang Shi You 718 (see photo below) of "plundering of our oceans for foreign profit".

The vessel is currently contracted to conduct a 2D seismic survey of Shell NZ's petroleum prospecting permit in the New Caledonia Basin.

In an angry post on his Facebook page to his 7,000+ social media friends and followers, the activist (who is a Northland Maori) used the operations of the HYSY 718 in the New Caledonia Basin (NCB) as an example of what he sees as the 'evil' that is occurring as a result of the Government becoming a party to the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA).

He wrote, *"As I write this, a seismic ship is surveying the west coast of Northland coming to within 20 km's of Ahipara in it's ambition to assist in the plundering of our oceans for foreign profit. This is what the TPPA represents...a further mechanism to allow for the exploitation of our lands, seas and peoples"*.

The activist then went on to incite people to "disrupt the oil industry" if they wanted to "give the capitalists a financial blood nose" and bring peace to the Middle East.

He went onto to claim that *"The oil companies currently in our waters are the*

latest in a long line of exploiters that date back to the sealers and whalers that took these iconic species to the edge of extinction in the 1800's".

On 11 December, the same activist posted images of the HYSY 718 and the NCB with the message that the vessel would be "blasting the New Caledonia Basin until April".

The full text of his message is reported verbatim below:

"Its great to see all the activity and organising emerging around the signing of the TPPA. As we all all know this trade deal will give unprecedented powers to big global industries to access our resources while avoiding regulation and the responsibility to our countries laws and citizens.

"Of course this is not a new thing. As I write this a seismic ship is surveying the west coast of Northland coming to within 20 km's of Ahipara in it's ambition to assist in the plundering of our oceans for foreign profit. This is what the TPPA represents...a further mechanism to allow for the exploitation of our lands, seas and peoples.

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Many of the international capital elites that seek to amass as much of the worlds wealth as possible and confine the rest of the worlds population to poverty are these very same oil companies. The ongoing agony of the Middle East is founded in the meddling of the Western superpowers in the region in their hunger for oil.

"Over the last 12 months we have seen the collapse of the international oil price from over US\$100 per barrel down to US\$28 per barrel...and the large oil companies are currently under huge stress as their profits tumble.

Statoil the Norwegian company prospecting off the coast of Te Taitokerau is retrenching and has just offered its entire global staff of over 22,000 people voluntary redundancy in an effort the shed costs.

"As a result, share markets around the world are tumbling with some analysts warning that this could be the start of the much anticipated global financial crash.

"So...if you want to fight the face behind the mask of the TPPA. If you want to save humanity from the catastrophic effects of climate change...

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Then disrupt the oil industry...this is not the time to be dropping the ball. SAY NO

TO THE TPPA - STOP STATOIL - WAIHO PAPAMOANA".



Cape to Cape Deep Sea Oil Protest

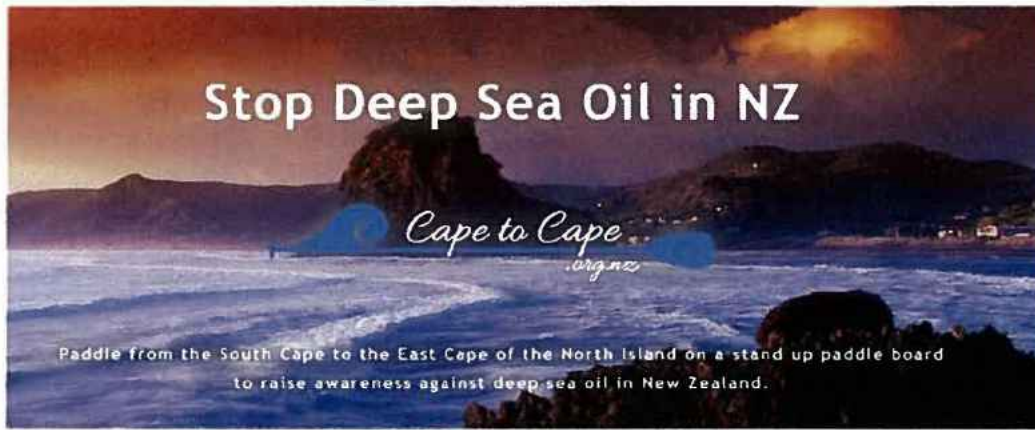
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Taranaki Buffer Zones Debate

25 January

The issue-motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has highlighted what it sees as the plight of two Taranaki farmers whose land is close to Shell Todd Oil Services' (STOS) Kapuni Production Station and who are caught up in a debate over the formalisation of safety buffer zones around oil and gas installations.

CJT is supporting the farmers' stance that the South Taranaki District Council's suggested buffer zones in its proposed district plan between dwellings and oil and gas installations is nothing more than just a "council approved land grab".

CJT says, *"For the council to now turn around and propose restrictions on neighbouring farmers within prescribed set back distance from petrochem facilities, without some sort of mandatory compensation from the industry, does seem like gross injustice"*.

CJT also says it believes that substantial setback distances greater than the 150-300m the council is calling for is essential for the safety and well-being of people and animals who reside and work in close proximity to oil and gas sites.

What CJT has overlooked or neglected to acknowledge however is the oil and gas industry is supportive in principle of the idea of reasonably-sized buffer zones. The fact the two sides can in fact agree that buffer zones are needed is something CJT has not mentioned.

The two sides however diverge differently in the size the buffer zones should be. The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association (PEPANZ) is suggesting the zones be standardised at 200-300m. Taranaki activists however in their submissions have suggested the distances be in fact 2-3km and landowners compensated by the oil and gas industry for the loss of the use of the land taken up by the zones.

Submissions to the district plan closed on 30 January and public hearings are set to begin in March.



31 January: Hard Conversation Training

The issue motivated group ActionStation offered a half-day's day-long training for activists wanting to up-skill in 'hard conversation' techniques. The training cost between \$5-\$20 depending on the individual circumstances of the participants. The training started at 1pm and took place in Wellington at Enspirial Space in Courtenay Place.

ActionStation says the training involves training in ways activists can hold effective conversations when even the issues are deeply divisive. The training, it says, teaches ways activists can equip themselves with the skills needed to have useful conversations with everyone from decision makers and media to friends and family about the issues that matter.

The training covers how to take apart language; to diagnose what's working and what's not, and learn how to have a conversation with people who hold a different world view than your own; how to build trust; how to listen; and how to frame what we want to say in a way that builds bridges, and does not increase the divide. ActionStation says participants will learn:

- * How to start a difficult conversation
- * How to ask for something
- * How to go about dealing with objections
- * How to manage your own frustration
- * How to speak in public

ActionStation is a digital, online group that says it provide opportunities to take collective action on issues that matter.



Conversations

Matter

01 February: Protest Hikoi

The leader of the issue motivated group Stop Statoil Te Hiku has organised a protest hikoi from Cape Reinga on 01 February, to coincide with the annual Waitangi Day celebrations.

This is not the first such Waitangi protest hikoi organised by Stop Statoil Te Hiku and like the previous ones is motivated by the same issues of opposition to offshore oil exploration in the Reinga Basin by Statoil, Climate Change, and the Governments' support of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA).

The organiser (who leads Stop Statoil Te Hiku) says marchers will leave Te Rerenga Wairua on 01 February as usual, but after hikoi through Kaitaia, Moerewa, and Whangarei they will head for Auckland to protest the signing of the TPPA at Sky City on 04 February.

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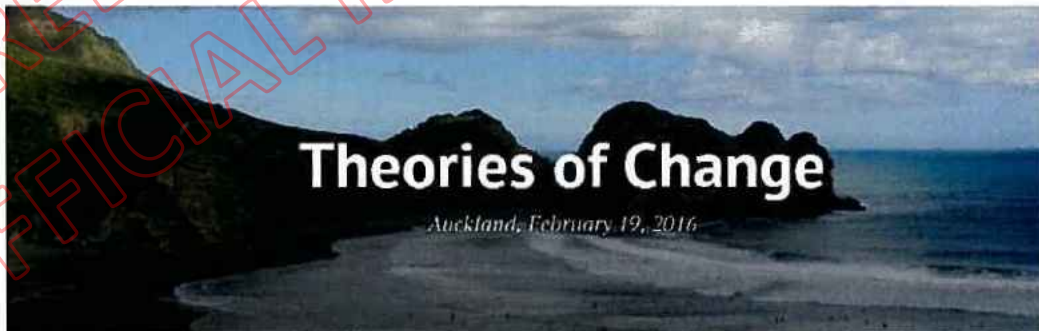


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05 February

The Bluff-based yacht *Tiama*, for so many years the 'backbone' of protest in on-the-water actions against the oil and gas industry here, has left New Zealand waters indefinitely as it sails to a new life in Amsterdam with its Greenpeace owners.

The yacht is owned and operated by husband of the former Executive Director of Greenpeace NZ. The couple are now sailing the yacht to Amsterdam so that she can take up her new role as Greenpeace International's joint Executive Director. She is one of two women appointed to share the role.

In a recent blog post, the yacht's owner said the yacht would be either taking the Southern Ocean route, NZ - Cape Horn - (Antarctic Peninsula, Falkland Islands South Atlantic -North Atlantic. Or alternatively, the Central Pacific route - Panama canal North Atlantic.

The final route they will end up taking partly depends on finding some interesting work along the way, he said.

During her long stay in New Zealand waters, the *Tiama* has participated in almost every on-the-water action against the oil and gas industry that has been staged here. This includes protests against the drill vessel the *Noble Bob Douglas* (see photo below) off the coasts of Otago and Taranaki, and against the seismic survey ship *Orient Explorer* off East Cape.

It appears likely the *Tiama* will stay based in the Netherlands for the immediate future; something that won't pose a problem as the boat's skipper and owner also holds Dutch citizenship and is a former Greenpeace ship's engineer.



Hikoï Activists Promise Disruption

04 February

Leaders of a protest hikoï (march) by the issue motivated group Stop Statoil Te Hiku (Northland), which is travelling from Cape Reinga to Auckland and then to Waitangi, have threatened to commit acts of civil disobedience.

Marchers left Te Rerenga Wairua on 01 February, but after hikoï through Kaitaia, Moerewa, and Whangarei they headed for Auckland to join the protests against the signing of the TPPA at Sky City on 04 February.

They have now returned to Northland for the traditional welcome onto Te Tii Marae on 05 February and the march on to the Treaty Grounds on Waitangi Day on 06 February.

One of the leaders, who heads up the issue motivated group StopStatoil@Whangarei told news media that, *"We're here to protest against something that's very important to us. And we don't want to be losing our whakapapa - our mountains, rivers, lands and oceans. So this is our last fight, our peaceful fight. And if this doesn't go through then expect resistance."*

The acts of civil disobedience during the TPPA protests in Auckland focused on blockading the delegates to the signing inside the Skycity Convention so they could not leave to attend lunch at a local vineyard, and blockades of inner-city intersections, and one attempt to blockade a section of the North-Western

Motorway and which ended with a confrontation with police, some of whom were forced to draw their batons (see photo below).

In total, the protesters blocked six inner city roads, causing traffic chaos in central Auckland for several hours.



Activists Monitor Seismic Survey Ship

03 February

A leading member of the anti-oil and gas issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) on 03 February sought to highlight the survey operations for Shell in the New Caledonia Basin by the research vessel Hai Yang Shi You 718 by posting an

image on several Facebook pages of the vessel and a map of the survey site. The post was posted on the CJT Facebook page; on the Stop Statoil in Te Hiku Facebook page ; and also on the activist's own personal Facebook page.

One of the activists 'liking' the post was the head of Greenpeace International's ship watching service based on Waiheke Island, in the Hauraki Gulf. This service operates under the name of Marint NZ and uses satellite tracking equipment to monitor vessels of interest to Greenpeace.

This is a world wide service and been regularly used by Greenpeace NZ to monitor the movement of vessels of interest to it here, including survey vessels engaged in projects for the oil and gas industry.

The activist's complete post read:

"It's Seismic Survey Season Again. This seismic survey ship, Hai Yang Shi You 718, started surveying 200 kms off the West Coast of the North Island on 15 December 2015. The survey area (outlined in red on the map) covers 666,000 square kilometres of seabed and is being undertaken by Energy Offshore Holdings who have an oil and gas Prospecting Permit over the area. Energy Offshore Holdings is Shell NZ Ltd 37.5% (operator of the permit), CNOOC International Ltd 37.5% and Anadarko 25%. The survey is scheduled to finish on 30 April 2016".

The post has invoked a small number of abusive comments directed towards the oil and gas industry, but nothing that raises concern."



Judge Sending Activists to Jail

02 February

A British judge is set to break with the Courts' traditional liberal approach to

peaceful protest by sending 13 environmental protesters (below) to jail for blocking the runway at Heathrow Airport in July last year.

If the so-called "Heathrow 13" are jailed, this would be the first time peaceful environmental protesters have gone to prison for the offence of aggravated trespass in the UK since it came into force two decades ago.

The Heathrow protest (part of the long-running campaign by the issue-motivated group, Plane Stupid, to end the airport's expansion) saw the group cut a hole in a fence and making their way on to the north runway. The demonstration at around 3.30am on the morning of 13 July forced the cancellation of 25 flights.

In a move that took the activists by surprise, and who were expecting the usual non-custodial sentence of a fine, the presiding judge sternly told the 13 activists that "a custodial sentence was almost inevitable".



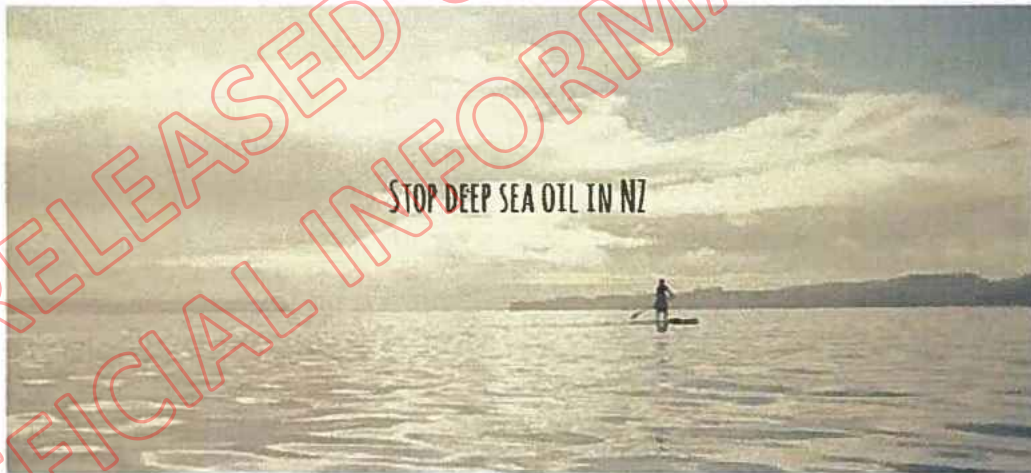
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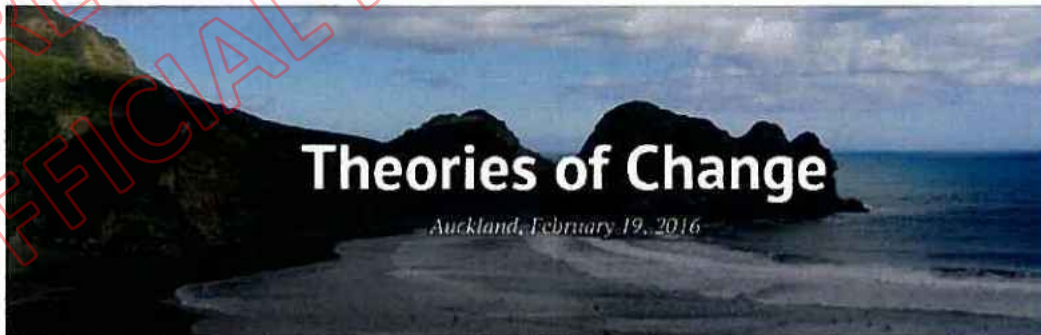
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The issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has accused the Taranaki oil and gas industry of "dropping toxic waste into the ocean" and thereby (by implication) being responsible for the absence of Maui dolphin sightings off the Taranaki coastline.

In post to its 1200+ Facebook group members this week, CJT said: *"Stop the Drilling! Dropping toxic waste fluids into the ocean has been the standard practice of offshore drillers in Taranaki for nearly 40 years, from 1978 onwards. Maui Dolphins are almost extinct and no longer observed in that part of their habitat."*



Activist 'Spin' on Routine Maintenance

12 February

Routine maintenance of its Maui-1,2, and 3 wells by Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) has been misrepresented by the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) in social media.

In a post to its public Facebook group 'Stop the Drilling in Taranaki', CJT reposted an article from the Taranaki Daily News reporting that STOS had contracted the Norwegian multipurpose offshore vessel the Rem Etive to conduct ongoing maintenance using a sub-sea Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to inspect wells in the Maui offshore field.

CJT has, however, spun the story to suggest the work is either being carried out because there is a leak from the wells or it is a preparatory measure prior to Shell divesting itself of its New Zealand assets (see photo below).

Meanwhile out in the ocean

Leaking? Getting ready to sell?



Oil field inspection

An unmanned vehicle will be used to inspect the Maui oil field.

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Little Deterrent Given to Ship Invaders

11 February

The five anti-oil and gas activists who Greenpeace NZ has described as "storming on board" and occupying the NIWA research vessel Tangaroa in Wellington last November have escaped punishment with nothing more than a conviction and discharge.

The five activists were part of a Greenpeace direct action team dispatched from Auckland to disrupt the vessel's departure for a research contract for oil company OMV. At the time the vessel had just completed one job for Chevron and was in port preparing for the OMV job when the activists defeated port security and occupied it for 10 hours before giving themselves up to police.

In convicting all five activists this week of unlawfully being on a vessel, the Auckland District Court declined to give them any punishment apart from having a conviction and discharge entered against their name.

This is in contrast to the four Greenpeace climate change protesters who occupied a ledge over the entrance to parliament in June last year and who were each fined \$750 upon being convicted of trespass.

This latest sentence reflects a common response from the courts to protesters who break the law in peaceful protests based on a moral position. The decision not to impose any penalty for the trespass and occupation of the vessel will however hardly be seen as a deterrent to other activists not to commit to similar actions against vessels engaged by the oil and gas industry.

Greenpeace NZ dispatched a direct action team from Auckland which travelled down in convoy overnight with an accompanying ground and a sea support team to assist them invade and occupy the Tangaroa (see photo below).

Speaking outside the court after the court's lenient treatment in response to her guilty plea, one of the Greenpeace activists said that she locked herself onto the vessel to highlight the Government's "absolutely dishonest" agenda over climate change and what Greenpeace perceives as favoritism towards the oil and gas industry.

"The Tangaroa should be conducting science in the public's interest, not serving the agenda of the oil industries that are destroying our climate," she said in a prepared statement from Greenpeace. "It is sadly ironic that this vessel is enabling oil companies to threaten our ocean, when 'Tangaroa' means 'God of the Sea'.

"While John Key assured the world at the Paris Climate Conference that we would take real action on climate change, he continues to push a deep sea oil agenda that endangers our communities. Further exploration for fossil fuels should be seen as an act of violence against humanity."



Protest Sea Journey Begins

10 February

An anti-oil and gas activist has begun a sea journey from Cape Palliser to the East Cape of the North Island on a stand up paddle board in protest against exploration for deep sea oil in New Zealand.

The protest which is being called 'Cape to Cape' is expected to cover about 675km along the North Island coastline, with the activist paddling about 35 km per day, and is expected to take about 19 days.

The protester is a 25 year-old environmental management graduate from the Bay of Islands who has been active in anti-oil and gas protests in Northland and Otago.

His protest however is expected only to be limited to the east coast and there are no plans at this stage that Thompson+Clark know of to replicate it elsewhere.

The photograph below shows the activist setting out on his journey this week from Flat Point Beach, 60kms east of Masterton in the Wairarapa.



Court Rejects Secret Grave Argument

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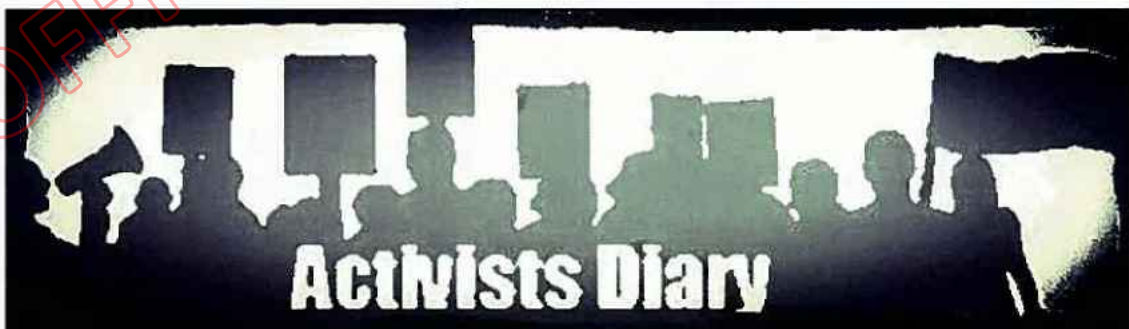
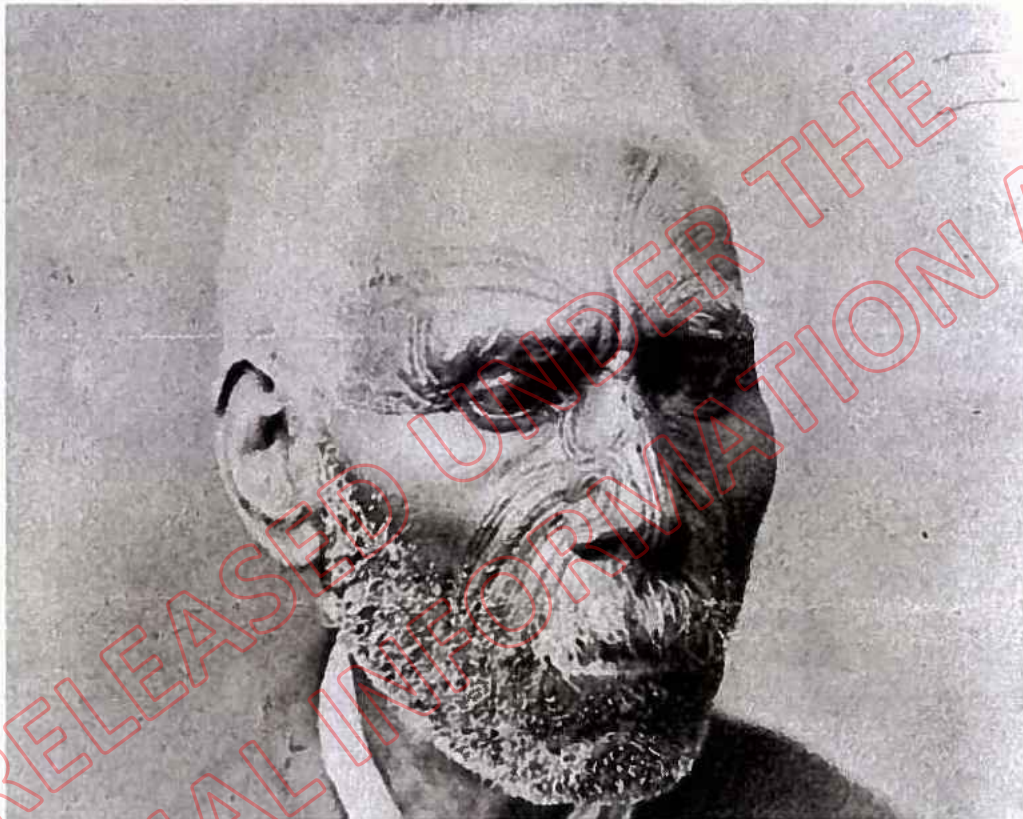
The Environment Court has rejected the argument that the supposed secret location of the grave of an important Maori chief should prevent Greymouth Petroleum from developing its Kowhai D wellsite and construct an associated pipeline near Tikorangi, in Taranaki.

Greymouth Petroleum has been successful in its appeal to the Environment Court against a decision by Heritage New Zealand to decline authority to develop the new site because the famous Te Atiawa chief Wiremu Kingi Te Rangitaake might have been secretly buried at the there. Kingi was leader of the Maori forces in the First Taranaki Land War.

Heritage New Zealand had accepted the argument from local hapu who are fundamentally opposed to the operations of oil and gas companies in Taranaki that Wiremu Kingi had been disinterred from his original burial site and secretly buried sometime after his death in 1882 exactly where Greymouth was wanting to develop a new well.

Adding scepticism to this claim was the fact that the hapu who came up with this objection refused to reveal the exact location of Kingi's grave, claiming it was necessary to keep the location a secret within the hapu itself.

After hearing legal arguments from both sides, the Court agreed with Greymouth Petroleum that even if the grave did exist, the well would have no effect on cultural sites in the area. Greymouth Petroleum had also provided evidence from an archaeologist disputing the secret grave theory.



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See: www.victoria.ac.nz/vicpasifika/our-community/events/climate-conference

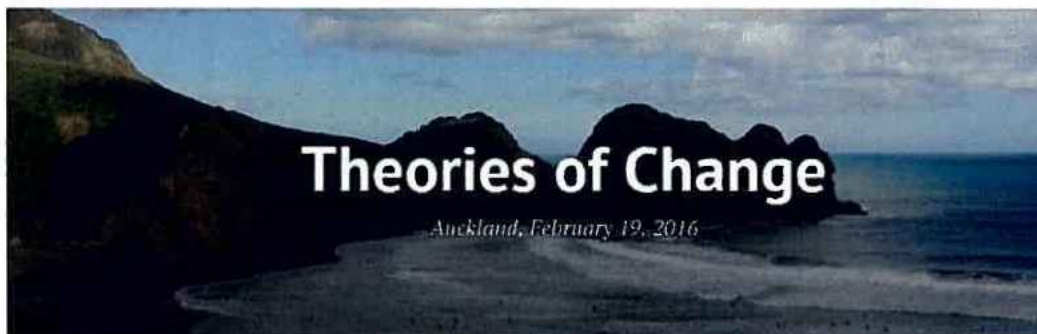


19 February: Theories of Change Hui

Three Auckland activists are offering a free, one-day hui on the theories of change for 150 people on 19 February at the Auckland University School of Psychology.

Among the 12 guest speakers are two of Greenpeace NZ's leading activists - its senior climate campaigner and its climbing instructor who heads Greenpeace NZ's team of climbing protesters known within the organisation as the 'Ninja's'.

Other speakers include the co-founder of the youth climate group Generation Zero, and a Campaign Director at ActionStation, which is a non-profit group dedicated to the digital promotion of environmental and social justice campaigns.



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Activist Revives Opposition to Statoil

19 February

One of the country's leading veteran activists who now works as a climate campaigner for Greenpeace New Zealand in Northland has renewed his public attacks on Statoil's interests in the Reinga Basin.

In an interview with the Northern Advocate (see photo below) the activist did not raise any new arguments but appeared to be complaining that the current slump in oil prices hasn't been enough to deter Statoil from abandoning its New Zealand prospecting permits.

He told the newspaper, "Unlike a lot of oil companies who are retrenching, Statoil does not seem to be sitting on its hands, Statoil has not packed up and gone home."

He went onto say that what he saw as the lack of activity by oil companies in New Zealand's potential oil fields - the cessation caused by a slump in international oil prices and a "rapidly swelling shift to alternative energy" - has only "temporarily taken the heat off Northland".

His comments were supported by another Greenpeace climate campaigner quoted by the Northern Advocate and who is reported as saying, "In the past month there was not a single petroleum company searching for oil in New Zealand using exploratory drilling. That extraordinary news must be of concern for the Government which has continued to push an oil agenda despite oil never being found offshore. New Zealand is already rich with natural renewable resources, we're just not investing in them. Let's hope this oil failure is enough to knock some sense into our so-called leaders."



Drilling activist warns about Statoil - Northern Advocate - Northern Advocate News

An anti-deep sea drilling activist says while there is no exploration happening in the Reinga Basin, Norwegian petroleum giant Statoil still has its sights on off-shore...

Activist Warns 'Get Ready for a Fight'

17 February

One of the world's leading climate activists has warned a climate conference that Climate change activists have to be prepared for a confrontation with oil companies that will "flat out lie" to the public.

That claim was made to delegates attending the 2016 Pacific Climate Change Conference at Victoria University last week via a video link from the United States by the founder of the 350.org movement. 350.org is one of the world's largest and best funded climate IMGs.

The activist, who is a professor of environmental journalism at Middlebury College, Vermont, claimed oil companies "will flat out lie," and singled out Exxon for particular criticism over alleged historic climate change information cover ups. Despite having known about global warming 25 years ago, the firm had used that knowledge only to prepare its oil rigs for the rising sea level, he claimed.

Although he did also speak about global warming and melting of the ice caps, he spent a good deal of his allocated speaking time addressing what he called, "the immorality of the oil industry and its influence in politics".

"We're not engaged in an argument, we're engaged in a fight ... the fight is to see if we can rein in the power of that industry," he said.

The conference was the first organised by Victoria University to focused on the

effects, challenges and possible solutions for countries in the Pacific.

A host of speakers from the Pacific region and beyond from a range of fields including science, politics, indigenous rights, media, arts and the environment, were invited to discuss the realities of climate change in the Pacific.



In the Eye of the Storm
Pacific Climate Change Conference 2016

Greenpeace Leaders Meet

17 February

Greenpeace International seemed to have called a meeting of its country leaders last week, judging by this Facebook post by the Executive Director of Greenpeace New Zealand.

Posting a public photograph of wind turbines off the Dutch coast to Facebook on 17 February he said, "Sun sets over (the) North Sea and offshore wind Turbines, Netherlands. Good spot for (a) Greenpeace meeting".

There hasn't been any follow up posts or announcements from Greenpeace International or New Zealand's Greenpeace boss as yet to indicate what the meeting may have been about.

Sun sets over North Sea and offshore wind turbines, Netherlands. Good spot for Greenpeace meeting.



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More IMG Anti-Statoil Rhetoric

16 February

It was as if last week Greenpeace New Zealand's Northland-based climate campaigner (who has been organising local opposition to Statoil's offshore exploration in the region for some time now) had suddenly decided to focus all his energies against that one particular company instead of the industry in general.

This is a tactic Greenpeace is in fact known to do.

In his second public 'attack' in days against Statoil, he began again to promote Greenpeace' NZ's long running 'Tell Statoil to Go Home' online campaign (see photo below). This campaign's webpage claims for example that "Statoil has already begun large scale seismic testing...in a migratory path for whales".

The webpage allows people who object to Statoil's exploration off Northland's west coast to send an email protesting, direct to Statoil's Chief Executive and Board of Directors.

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



Act now to #StopDeepSeaOil and #StopStatoil

Norwegian oil giant Statoil has a permit to drill in the deep water west of Northland. Seismic testing begins this summer and if oil is found, high risk deep sea drilling could begin. New Zealand cannot afford to take that risk.

ACT GREENPEACE ORG

Activist Bemoans Seismic Survey

15 February

On 15 February, a prominent North Island anti-oil and gas activist who is active in several anti-oil and gas IMGs on both the North Island's east and west coasts, posted this image (below) and a link to a Vimeo video critical of seismic surveys and other forms of underwater noise.

Her comments were aimed against Shell's current survey of its permit in the New Caledonia Basin.

The post was accompanied by the comment, "Happening now, Seismic survey in the Tasman Sea off Northland" and a second image which provides an outline of the New Caledonia Basin (NCB) survey area.

The video can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/67804123>

Happening now, seismic survey in the Tasman Sea off Northland....



Underwater Noise – The Overlooked Catastrophe.

VIMEO.COM



26 February: Cape to Cape Deep Sea Oil Protest

A Bay of Islands oil and gas activist from the Bay of Islands is due to finish his self-funded paddle board protest against deep sea oil on 26 February.

He is travelling up the east coast of the North Island from Cape Palliser to East Cape, a trip which is expected to take the activist about 19 days and will cover a total distance of 675km.



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Paddler Protester Makes it to Gisborne

28 February

An environmental protester from the Bay of Islands who is paddling from Cape Palliser to East Cape as a protest against deep sea oil exploration has reached Gisborne after a delay due to bad weather.

He had hoped to complete his journey on 26 February but gales and heavy seas have slowed his progress to a little as three hours sea time per day.

His protest can be followed on the Cape-to-Cape website he has set up to record his journey. See: <http://www.capetocape.org.nz/#home>



Activists Urging Seismic Survey Sabotage

27 February

A leading Northland female Maori anti-oil and gas activist has urged others opposed to the industry's operations to commit acts of sabotage.

The activist whose partner is Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner, made the comments while attending commemorative celebrations marking the 21st anniversary of the Moutoa Gardens occupation and protest at Wanganui.

Commenting on social media during this event, she posted, "Tautoko taku tuakana me ona mahi katoa! pulling up survey pegs...from 19th Century land greedy

plunderers to 21st century oil and gas co's same ole - stuff up their survey lines, stuff up their plans - cost, delay, protect our world".

Another female Maori oil and gas activist from Taranaki who also spoke at this event, showed off a survey peg she had pulled out of the ground from the land-based Kapuni Seismic Survey currently being conducted for Shell Todd Oil Services. Speaking about her actions in a public post on social media, she said, "Kei te riri...kei te pouri...checked out Rowan Road and the seismic surveying that is meant to be happening today and saw all these red little frackers from the landowner's paddocks across from Waimate water treatment facility right through to te awa o Kaipokonui. Pulled up right next to te awa o Kaipokonui and boom there's a red little fracker right there by the awa and pulled the fracker out and put up the sign on the overhead bridge. Went back into Kapinga and saw BTW followed by 3 Budget rental vehicles with bore hole drill slowly (sic) moving down Rowan Road. Turned around and they were already in the gate of the farmer's paddock across from Waimate water treatment. Exchanged some words with BTW and then got the \$Hell out of there. All I can say is that people power could of stopped this!!! Kei te hoha Au!!!"

The activist has posted images on Facebook of the survey pegs she has pulled out (see image below).



IMG Makes Wild Accusations

25 February

Activists with the issue motivated group Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) who run a Facebook page promoting a boycott of the annual WOMAD festival in New Plymouth, have made wild accusations accusing Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) of breaking the law and suggesting its operations have a connection with reports claiming high cancer rates in Taranaki.

In two posts on the group's Facebook page 'Boycott WOMAD' on 25 February, the activists firstly claimed that STOS was breaking the law in a case where a South Taranaki farmer's wife has publicly objected to her partner granting permission for STOS to conduct seismic testing on their farm as part of the Kapuni 3D Seismic Survey (see bottom left).

However, the group has gone ever further in a second post on the 'Boycott WOMAD' Facebook page, suggesting that STOS' operations in Taranaki are somehow

connected with a reported high cancer rate in the region (see bottom right). The claims are nothing new from the group, which has a history of making such claims.



Shell T'sod breaking the law again in Taranaki



Seismic surveying causing ructions

A disagreement over allowing seismic surveying on their farm is causing problems in an 18 year long relationship

STUFF.CO.NZ



How much of this is down to Shell T'sod pollution? Boycott WOMAD!



Taranaki cancer death rates high

Taranaki has one of the highest death rates from cancer in New Zealand, but no one seems to know why

STUFF.CO.NZ

Activist Hate Speech

24 February

A leading Northland anti-oil and gas activist who runs the issue motivated group Stop Statoil Te Hiku has rejected Greenpeace NZ's call for peaceful, non-violent protest against the 2016 NZ Petroleum Conference in March.

Commenting on Greenpeace's announcement that it was organising peaceful protest against the conference, he commented on social media "Yeah we be there...dunno about peaceful though...had it with these corporate pigs".

In another post about his attendance at the protest, he said, "Civil Disobedience, yes. Peaceful? Can't promise that my whanau are in a peaceful mood right now".

Stop Statoil Te Hiku has over 1800 people in its Facebook group.



Greenpeace Promising Big Protests

23 February

Greenpeace NZ is promising big, and unprecedented civil disobedience protests at the 2016 New Zealand Petroleum Conference at SkyCity in Auckland in March.

Greenpeace has launched the campaign, described as an “escalation in protest tactics”, which will culminate at the conference on 21 March. Its Senior Climate Campaigner who has led previous protests against the conference claims that despite years of public opposition and a failure to find any deep sea oil, the Government has continued to invest in deep sea drilling.

“Everyone who is concerned about this should come and join us for civil disobedience at the oil conference,” he said. “Every year for the past three years, thousands of New Zealanders have marched up to the petroleum summit to show they are not ok with this Government’s oil agenda. It’s reached the point where we need an escalation. We can’t sit by while climate-change drives extreme flooding, storms and droughts that threaten our communities and livelihoods. If we are to have a future, the oil industry can have no future. It’s plain mad that John Key continues to prop it up. Climate change is the defining struggle of our generation and it needs to be dealt with now,” he added.

Greenpeace NZ says public participation is one of the most effective tools for creating change and people opposed to the oil and gas industry should take inspiration from people like Gandhi, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr, and the movements here in New Zealand that opposed apartheid and made the country nuclear free.

"In the face of Government inaction it's going to take people power to secure the future we urgently need - one that's run on 100% clean energy," he said.

Greenpeace NZ has already hinted at mounting civil disobedience against the event when a short video appeared on its social media pages and YouTube. The clip features people wearing black-tie attire at SkyCity, holding a large card that reads, "What's on the cards here at the oil conference on March 21?"

Greenpeace isn't publicly releasing specific details of what the demonstrations at the petroleum summit will look like. "We want some things to be revealed to Key and his oil industry chums on the day, but we will be giving ongoing information to all those who are interested in being part of this," says Greenpeace.

Whatever Greenpeace has planned it will not be violent it says. While Greenpeace protests have previously put their own protesters at risk and those required to rescue them when they have got into difficulties, Greenpeace is committed to a policy of Non Violent Direct Action.



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01-02 March: Taranaki Kapuni Survey Meetings

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEW) has organised two public meetings on 01 and 02 March to coach landowners in their rights relating to the land-based Kapuni seismic survey being conducted for Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) in Taranaki (see photo below).

TEW has organised the hour-long meetings at 2pm on 01 March and again at 5pm on 02 March. Both meetings are being held in the Okaiawa Hall.

The meetings are being advertised as "Know your rights, property access, legal and health and safety issues, especially those dealing with the current seismic testing".

TEW claims that there have been long-standing issues with fairness, transparency

and independent legal advice with access arrangements for petroleum exploration. "Several families have genuine concerns with seismic surveys. People have the right to say no," a spokeswoman for the group says.



20-22 March: Petroleum Conference Protests

Greenpeace New Zealand, again supported by smaller regional issue motivated groups is promising an escalation of protest against the 2016 NZ Petroleum Conference at Auckland's SkyCity on 20-22 March.

Greenpeace is calling for members of the public to take part in a co-ordinated demonstration of peaceful civil disobedience against this event, but is refusing to give any more specific details about what is planned.

So far, 278 people have used the Facebook events page set up by Greenpeace for this protest to indicate they will be joining this protest.



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Activists Seeks Seismic Survey Information

06 March

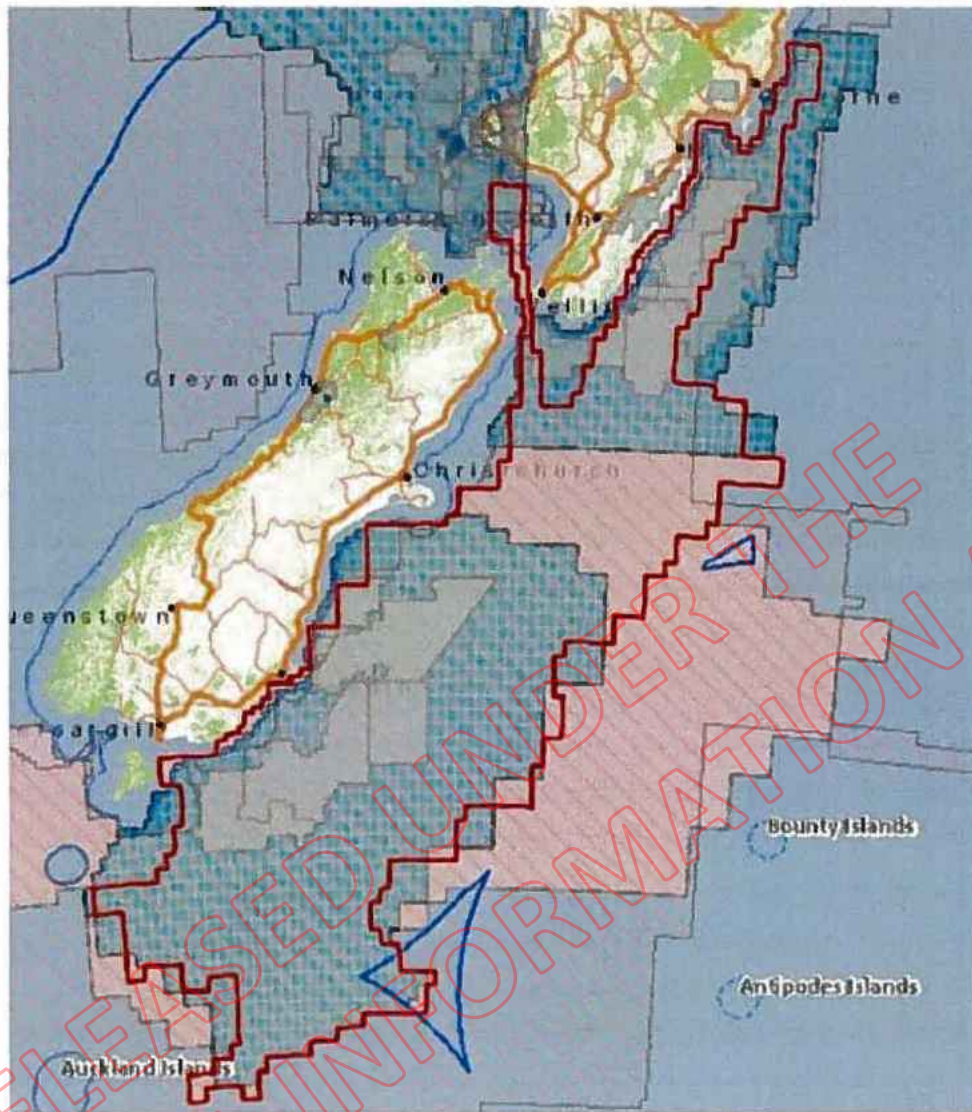
A prominent North Island anti-oil and gas activist has this weekend asked the operator of Greenpeace's ship tracking service if he can identify any vessels off the coast of New Zealand currently engaged in survey work for the oil and gas industry. Her request was made via a public post on Facebook.

Greenpeace runs a vessel satellite tracking service on Waiheke Island, in the Hauraki Gulf, called Marint NZ (marine intelligence) and which maintains a blacklist of illegal fishing vessels and also plots the tracks of seismic testing and nuclear transport vessels. The service produces a daily report to Greenpeace International, and to which Greenpeace NZ also has access.

The service has been used previously by Greenpeace NZ's Northland Climate Campaigner to track survey vessels operating in the Reina Basin.

In this particular case, the activist was not inquiring about activities in the Reinga Basin, but was instead trying to established if a projected seismic survey had begun by Searcher Seismic and GNS Science of 370194 sq km of ocean off the East Coast of the South and North Islands and in the South Taranaki Bight.

As at the time of this sitrep being issued, the activist in charge of Greenpeace's Marint NZ had not replied to her request. This person was formerly the head of Greenpeace International's Marine Division before his retirement, and was one of the original crew members of the first Rainbow Warrior protest ship.



Protester Reaches Destination

06 March

A Bay of Islands anti-oil and gas activist who has spent the past month paddling his paddleboard from Cape Palliser off Wellington's coast, to the East Cape, has finally reached his destination after a journey of about 800km along the North Island's east coast.

Earlier on 04 March, he reported to his followers on Facebook that he only had about 50kms to go before reaching East Cape, having completed about 750km since leaving Wellington 26 days ago. The activist averaged about 35km a day on his paddleboard.

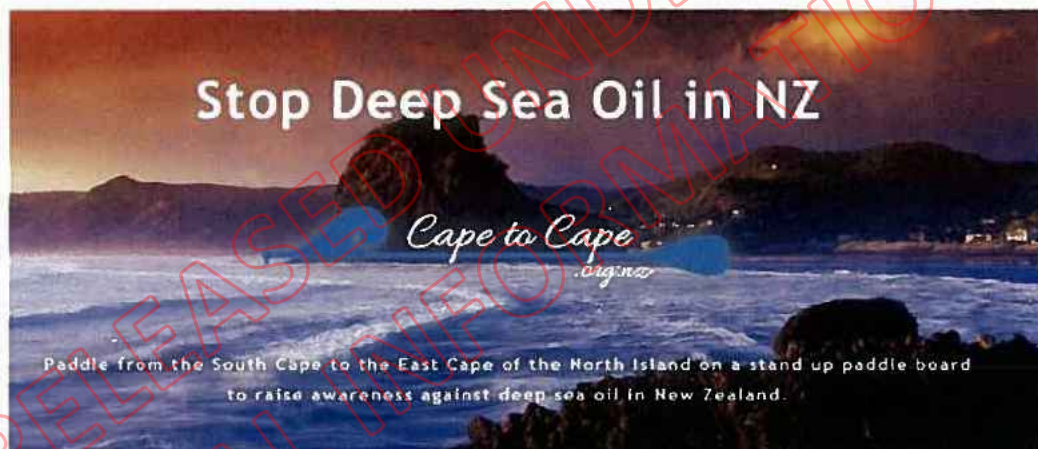
Television NZ this week praised the 25-year-old activist's effort by featuring him in

a special end-of-the-week news round up, saying, "We've reached the end of the week and if anyone deserves recognition for effort it's the young New Zealander who has travelled over 700 kilometres on a paddle board".

The activist, who is an environmental management graduate from Otago University, has confirmed he has no plans to venture beyond East Cape.

The activist said, "Cape to Cape's mission is to raise awareness about the New Zealand government's plans to sell off huge areas of our sea bed for deep sea oil prospecting. Cape to Cape wants to make the general public of New Zealand aware of the massive risks that deep sea oil poses and show that it quite simply isn't a good idea. Currently, exploration drilling is not publicly notifiable, meaning there are no public submissions or hearings and that we cannot have our say within the conventional legal system. This needs to change and Cape to Cape aims to help make this happen."

See: <http://capetocape.org.nz/>



Greens Attack Deep Sea Oil Exploration

05 March

The Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand has released a new video attacking offshore exploration for deep sea oil and gas as part of its current 'Protect our Deep Oceans' Campaign.

The campaign hopes to drum up support for the Greens' position on the government's proposed new marine protected areas legislation.

The Greens say the government's legislation proposals are a bad thing because they leave 94 percent of New Zealand's marine environment "open for exploitation by oil and gas drillers, seabed miners, and fishing companies". The new proposals, the

party says, will make it impossible to create deep sea marine reserves and marine protected areas in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) except by special legislation. The campaign asks supporters to make submission opposing the government's proposals, claiming the government is putting the commercial interests of oil and gas and other industries ahead of its duty to protect the oceans.

In promo material for the new campaign video, the Greens claim that the, "National Government is putting the interests of the oil, gas, mining, and fishing industries ahead of protecting our oceans with its proposals for new marine protected areas legislation". The party is asking supporters to make a submission to tell the Government action is needed to protect NZ's deep oceans.

So far, the video has had over 2,700 views. See: <http://tinyurl.com/hww6tcd>



Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand

March 4 at 6:24pm

The National Government is putting the interests of the oil, gas, mining and fishing industries ahead of protecting our oceans with its proposals for new marine protected areas legislation. Make a submission to tell the Government we need to protect our deep oceans.

<http://action.greens.org.nz/marineprotection>



2.7K Views

Statoil Protester Fronts for Greenpeace

04 March

Greenpeace NZ is using one of the activists who disrupted the 2014 Petroleum Conference in Auckland to help front promotion of protests against this year's conference.

The activist who heads up Greenpeace NZ's climbing team has been fronting video clips and social media promotional posts publicising Greenpeace's planned civil disobedience protest against the Petroleum Conference on 21 March at the Sky City Convention Centre.

His latest promo for the protest involves a Facebook competition for supporters to provide answers to the question, "What's the difference between an oil spill and a solar spill?"

The activist has been involved in numerous protest stunts for Greenpeace, including one at Parliament when he was part of a direct action team that scaled the roof in October last year in a protest against climate change, and for which he and his three companions were each later fined \$750.

G Greenpeace New Zealand at **Skycity Convention Centre**
1 hr · Auckland, New Zealand

SHARE: Jeff's question is: "What's the difference between an oil spill and a solar spill?"

Give us your best answer below - the more tongue-in-cheek the better! You never know where it could end up. #RealClimateAction



Activists Stage Mini-Riot in Taranaki

01 March

Five supporters of two Taranaki anti-oil and gas survey protesters were arrested and one police officer admitted to hospital with minor injuries in Hawera during a confrontation with police and security staff after a district court hearing dissolved into chaos and the court was forced closed.

Both protesters were appearing on charges relating to the theft of Shell Todd Oil Service's (STOS) seismic survey pegs in December last year when they were arrested following a confrontation with police over their behaviour in opposing STOS' Kapuni seismic survey in the Manaia area.

One of the protesters refused to enter the dock, and argued with the judge, demanding to see his judicial warrant, until ordered from the courtroom. As she struggled with police and security staff by the door to the cells, a group of supporters began shouting from the public gallery and another group of supporters burst into the courtroom from outside to support the protester who was objecting loudly to being dragged off to the cells.

As police and court security rushed to quell the crowd, one woman jumped over the barrier into the closed court area but was quickly stopped by security staff.

A few moments later, a brawl erupted outside the courthouse after protesters attempted to block the path of a police van that was carrying the two women back to the Hawera police station. After the van left a small riot broke out as other members of the public joined in to fight with extra police reinforcements. Police were forced to pepper spray several people and two people were taken to hospital for treatment. One of those arrested included a pregnant woman.

The two protesters have been bailed until their next court appearance, neither are associated with an established Taranaki issue motivated group but appear part of an independent group of Taranaki Maori sovereignty activists who belong to a wider family group, and whose main complaint is based on their perception they have sovereign rights over the land being surveyed.

While at least one Taranaki anti-oil and gas issue motivated group (Boycott Womad) has commented in support of the protesters involved in this incident, there is no suggestion at this stage of wider support for this family group from local Taranaki IMGs.



Greenpeace Hots Up Over Power Station

29 February

Greenpeace NZ does not for the moment have the 'luxury' of just only being focussed on issues surrounding deep sea oil.

Greenpeace NZ is also currently distracted with the issue of trying to force power generator Genesis Energy to honour what it claims was an earlier promise that it will shut down the coal-fired Huntley Power Station in 2018, marking the end of large scale coal-fired generation in New Zealand.

However, Greenpeace is claiming it has secured 'evidence' suggesting this was only a ruse and Genesis was in fact colluding with other power companies to try and keep the Huntly Power Station burning coal.

Greenpeace NZ has now started an online petition calling for Genesis Energy to "honour" its earlier promise to shut down the power station.

Greenpeace NZ has previously sent its Direct Action teams into the Huntly Power Station to protest against the power station burning coal. Greenpeace has previously targeted the Huntly Power Station for both protest and occupation, and may do so again in view of this latest development.



GENESIS: Stick to the plan and shut down Huntly

PETITION: Genesis Energy CEO Albert Brantley, I demand that you stick to the plan and shut down the Huntly coal fired power station by 2018 and commit to a just transition for its workforce.

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20-22 March: Petroleum Conference Protests

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Greenpeace is calling for members of the public to take part in a co-ordinated demonstration of peaceful civil disobedience against this event, but is refusing to give any more specific details about what is planned.

So far, 278 people have used the Facebook events page set up by Greenpeace for this protest to indicate they will be joining this protest.



22 April: International Earth Day

Earth Day is intended to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's natural environment. Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on 22 April 1970. While this first Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations. Earth Day is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and is celebrated in more than 175 countries every year, including New Zealand where there is a movement to give it more of a connection with Maori values. 22 April corresponds to spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere.

See: <http://www.earthday.org/>



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1. Protest Action is unlikely.	LOW (Green)	Normal Routine Protective Security measures are applied appropriate to the individual & current circumstances.
2. Protest Action is possible.	MODERATE (Blue)	
3. Obstructive & Direct Action protest is feasible and may occur.	ELEVATED (Yellow)	Heightened Additional and sustainable Protective Security measures reflecting the broad nature of the threat combined with specific business & geographical vulnerabilities & judgements on acceptable risk.
4. Obstructive and illegal Direct Action protest is very likely to occur.	HIGH (Orange)	
5. Illegal or obstructive Direct Action protest to sabotage operations is imminent.	SEVERE (Red)	Exceptional Maximum Protective Security measures required to minimise vulnerabilities & risk.

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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 assessed at **LOW** for onshore and offshore operations (see the explanation of TCIL's Threat Methodology at the end of this SitRep). The exception to this being a rating of **MEDIUM** for most vessels associated with current operations during port visits, where a risk of occupation by activists remains extant.

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. 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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Worldwide Fossil Fuels Protest Announced

11 March

Today, the activist website newmatilda.com announced that a international mass civil disobedience campaign against the use of fossil fuels has been scheduled to run between 04-15 May this year.

Announced today, the website claims the protests will take place across at least 11 countries, including Australia, Indonesia, the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Brazil, Turkey, the UK and Germany. No mention was made of New Zealand and there has been no specific announcement here about any such protests.

According to a media advisory circulated by climate advocacy group 350.org, Australian activists will strike "the world's largest coal port in Newcastle, and demonstrate their resolve to make the climate a key issue in the coming election". In Germany, following the occupation of a lignite mine in Rhineland by 1,500 environmental protesters last year, activists says they will again "highlight the nation's dirtiest industry", in Lusatia.

Newmatilda.com is an independent leftwing Australian website which has been publishing coverage of Australian and international politics, media and culture since 2004 and promotes many issue motivate group causes.

The logo for newmatilda.com features a small green square icon with a white double quote symbol on the left, followed by the text "newmatilda.com" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background.

newmatilda.com

More Far North Protest Signs Erected

10 March

Members of the issue motivated group Stop Statoil Whangarei spent some time erecting anti-Statoil signs along a route the Prime Minister was scheduled to take during an official visit to Marsden Point, near Whangarei in Northland this week. The leader of another Northland issue motivated group (Stop Statoil Te Hiku) admitted on Facebook that he tried to actually protest where the Prime Minister was speaking, but got lost and had to ask directions from security guards. The security guards spotted his protest signs and refused him access to Refining NZ's unveiling of its \$365 million Te Mahi Hou project at a special ceremony which was being attended by the Prime Minister.



Carpooling to Petroleum Protest

10 March

Whanganui and Manawatu activists have set up a car pooling Facebook site to ride share to a protest Greenpeace NZ is planning against the 2016 Petroleum Conference in Auckland on 21 March.

A Facebook group has been set up, and within 24 hours, four protesters had agreed to car pool and another nine had shown an interest. As an indication of the state of anti-oil and gas activism in the Whanganui-Manawatu area, 183 activists from the region have been invited by the page's admin to ride share to the Auckland protest.



Iwi Leader Supports Survey Peg Thefts

09 March

A senior Ngaruahine iwi leader has voiced his support for two anti-oil and gas protesters whose supporters caused a minor riot outside the Hawera District Court earlier this month, and in which five people were arrested and two others hospitalised.

The iwi authority's chair has said that he backs the two female Maori sovereignty protesters who face charges relating to the theft of seismic survey marker pegs belonging to Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS), and which it is alleged they removed in order to frustrate the survey work.

When summoned to court, one of the two women refused to recognise the court's jurisdiction and was disrespectful to the judge. The court was cleared and five people arrested when the women's supporters fought with the police as they tried to take the two women back to the police cells. Two people were taken to hospital and a policewoman injured. (see photo below).

The iwi's chairman said sovereignty concerns raised by the women go back to when land was confiscated in the 1860s as punishment for rebellion by Maori against the colonial government.

"The seismic survey is just another problem, as far as our people are concerned. That land was actually stolen from our people, by the Crown and through legislation," he said.

The iwi chairman claimed the women's protest action echoed those of the 1880s, when Maori removed survey pegs and continued to plough up confiscated land in protest.

Links with Environmental IMGs

The Maori sovereignty aspect to this case separates it from the usual

environmental grounds for protest against the oil and gas industry. While they are not directly connected with environmental activism in Taranaki, some environmental IMGs have offered the women moral support via social media. The women themselves are part of a small family group who contest ownership to some of the land where the survey is being held.



Taranaki Community Meetings

09 March

The issue motivated group Taranaki Energy Watch (TEG) has organised a second series of community meetings as part of its opposition to Shell Todd Oil Services (STOS) conducting a land-based 3D seismic survey in the Kapuni area.

Similar in vein to two meetings TEG held earlier in March, the meetings have been presented as 'Oil and Gas Neighbourhood, Know Your Rights Meetings' and are being led by a veteran Taranaki anti-oil and gas activist who has fought her own battles with petroleum companies operating near her family farm in Ngaire, south of Stratford.

One of the arguments that TEG is putting forward opposing the survey is their claim that the explosives being used (Pentolite) contains Petn which they say the US Environmental Protection Authority website describes as being an environmental concern, posing a threat to the ecosystem and human health.

The advice TEG is giving to Taranaki landowners includes this statement, "*Access to private property to conduct seismic surveys requires each land owner and occupier to give written permission. Unless each landowner and occupier have given*

written permission the Company are not legally entitled to enter the property. If you have signed an access agreement you can withdraw permission at any time. Contact the Company in writing (email) to inform them you no longer agree to access for the seismic survey".

The second set of meetings has been organised on Thursday 10 March 5-6 pm at the Okaiawa Hall, Okaiawa; Tuesday 15 March 5-6 pm at the Stratford War Memorial Hall; and Wednesday 16 March 5-6 pm Stratford War Memorial Hall.



TARANAKI ENERGY WATCH

Marine Protection Act Slammed

08 March

The Raglan-based issue motivated group Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) claims the Government's proposed Marine Protection Act would do more for the mining and petroleum industries than it would for the actual protection of the marine environment.

KASM has questioned the intent behind the proposed new legislation and says the Government has "Hit the wrong Key" in the consultation document, for which submissions closed this week.

KASM's longtime chairman said, "New Zealand has the fifth largest marine estate of any country in the world and the Government's proposals for marine protection legislation entirely exclude the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which covers 95 percent of that estate between the twelve and the two hundred nautical mile lines, from any protections whatsoever".

Hew went onto say, "It's farcical to propose the creation of laws that do five per cent of the job?" he said. " Just last month researchers working in the EEZ area of the South Taranaki Bight observed nursing mother and calf Pygmy Blue Whales in what is believed to be a very rare and important foraging ground for the species. The Government's proposals as they stand would make it impossible to create important protections for these rare and vulnerable creatures."

KASM also says the discussion document also suggests that any area, which has current economic interests, such as mining or oil and gas exploration permits

should also be excluded from the possibility of any protections.

“This also makes no sense and the only conclusion one can come to is that this legislation is designed to protect economic interests and forward this Government’s exploitation agenda rather than to protect marine biodiversity,” he said.

While campaigning against seabed mining is KASM’s principle purpose, the group has always historically been closed to Greenpeace NZ and supported the campaign against deep sea oil.

Some of KASM’s leadership have been trained in protest and direct action by Greenpeace NZ. KASM has also been very involved in the campaign to save the last 55 Maui’s dolphins, and the photo belows shows a promotional shot from that campaign showing KASM’s chairman (on the right) and the leader of another IMG - Let’s Face it, which is dedicated to preserving the dolphins from extinction.



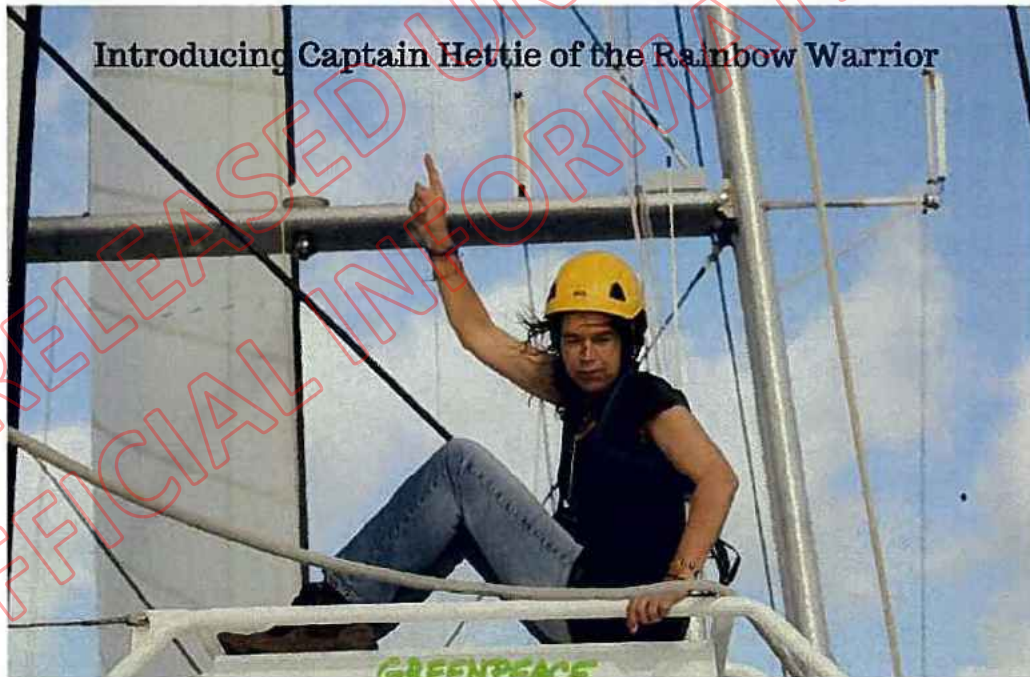
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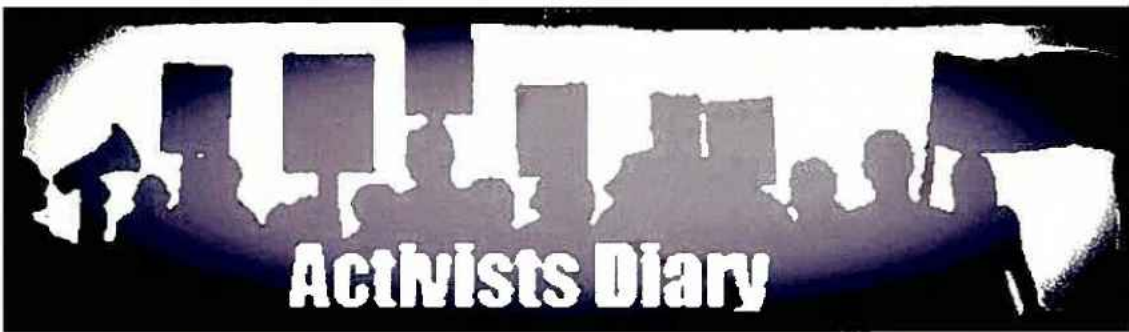
07 March

Appropriately timed perhaps ahead of International Women's Day on 08 March, Greenpeace International has appointed a woman to be captain of its flagship, the Rainbow Warrior III.

The Dutch activist has been sailing since the age of 15, and was previously the Rainbow Warrior's Chief Mate. A longtime veteran of protest, she has worked for Greenpeace International's Marine Division since 1999.

Commenting on her appointment, the former furniture maker-turned sailor said, "I have been always working in a man's job or a man's world, whether it was sailing or furniture making. Never think you can't do a job because you are a woman". Greenpeace's latest captain joins a small group of four other Masters which Greenpeace rotates between its three ocean-going campaign ships - the Rainbow Warrior III; The Esperanza; and the Arctic Sunrise.





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So far, 350 people have used the Facebook events page set up by Greenpeace for this protest to indicate they will be joining this protest. Greenpeace NZ has announced it will be holding a special four-hour briefing somewhere in Auckland on 20 March for anyone protesting.

The briefing starts at 1pm and will presumably involved some protest training in civil disobedience. Greenpeace has indicated it will provide a free lunch for those attending the briefing session.



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