

# Tamarind development drilling applications

**Submission Reference no:** 121

**Babs Lake**

**Submitter Type:** Individual

**Source:** Email

**Overall Notes:**

**Clause**

Do you have the authority to make this submission on behalf of the person named on this form?

**Position**

Yes

**Notes**

Ae - Yes

**Clause**

Do you intend to have a spokesperson who will act on your behalf (e.g. a lawyer or professional advisor)?

**Position**

No

**Notes**

Kao - No

**Clause**

Do you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing?

**Position**

No I/we do not wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

**Notes**

Kao - No

**Clause**

Do you wish to receive regular updates from the EPA about the progress of this application?

**Position**

Yes I/we wish to receive all communications relating to this application.

**Notes**

Ae - Yes

**Clause**

What decision do you want the Board to make and why? Provide reasons in the box below.

**Position**

Refuse

**Notes**

Decline Further exploration and drilling for fossil fuels is culturally, socially, environmentally and economically irresponsible. The risks from cumulative impacts on threatened marine mammals are unacceptable - the assessment is grossly inadequate. The effects of undisclosed harmful chemicals to be discharged at sea cannot possibly be assessed. Assessing related applications separately lacks transparency and does not allow overall assessment of cumulative impacts or integrated management of effects - the EEZ-CS Act s44 calls for joint processing and decision making on related applications. A bond must be required to ensure that a decommissioning plan is put in place as per international obligations - the EEZ-CS Act s65 enables this. Climate change is real - New Zealand has the obligation to deliver its commitment to the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC and the EEZ-CS Act must be amended to include considerations of climate change. If we are to maintain a stable climate (and by that I mean keep global warming to 2 degrees), then worldwide we must leave a good portion of the fossil fuels that have already been discovered in the ground. For the sake of our climate, I am opposed to further oil drilling off the Taranaki coast by Tamarind in the Tui Field. In addition to having concerns about the climate impacts, I also object to the application for the risk it poses to threatened marine species that live in the area, such as whales, dolphins and penguins. An oil spill could have causing devastating impacts the environment and our economy. I urge the Environmental Protection Authority to decline this

