

Tamarind development drilling applications

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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

Yes I/we wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

Notes

Ae - Yes

Clause

If you wish to speak at the hearing, please select all that apply:

Position

If others make a similar submission I/we would consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing

Notes

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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. 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. I am opposed to further oil drilling off the Taranaki coast by Tamarind in the Tui Field, 20 kms off coast. This is a precious and fragile environment and home to threatened marine species, such as whales,

dolphins and penguins. We cannot allow further destruction of our environment and our climate by profit-driven companies. I support Climate Justice Taranaki and other groups who are taking a stand against this application. It is our obligation to protect our coastline and marine environment for future generations. An oil spill here could reach far beyond Taranaki, causing devastating impacts on kaimoana, on our ability to enjoy the beaches and the ocean as an ecosystem. The impacts of this choice will not stay local to Taranaki, but will heat the atmosphere risking the wellbeing of people and ecosystems right now and into the future. Climate change disproportionately impacts women around the world & knowingly contributing to it should be recognised as a sexist choice. Further, Māori are & will be disproportionately impacted by climate change compared to Pakeha e.g. by [further] loss of connection to land & that harming wellbeing, more \$ in primary industry which is at highest risk of being lost to climate impacts. Your policy crew need to think about how contributing to climate change & ecocide honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Clue: It doesn't. I urge the Environmental Protection Authority to do its job and protect the environment from this company.