

# Tamarind development drilling applications

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**Position**

Yes

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

**Position**

No

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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

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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.

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

**Position**

Refuse

**Notes**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our thoughts and concerns regarding Tamarinds applications. We notice that there is little information available regarding the wells Tamarind intends drilling. We would appreciate information regarding the type of formation that is to be drilled, the proposed length of wells and the intended use of the wells. If bringing the wells into production is activity that is covered by this application we would like to know what methods Tamarind intends to employ, what waste will be produced and how does Tamarind intend to dispose of that waste? Any information regarding these questions would be appreciated before the hearing. If we have mistakenly overlooked the information (apologies), could you please forward a link or directions to the documents? Members of Frack Free Kapiti and beyond (FFK) are of the considered opinion any further exploration or drilling for oil and gas in Aotearoa/New Zealand (NZ) is culturally, socially, environmentally and economically irresponsible. As members of a global population now experiencing the effects of climate change, it is necessary we now take what action we can to limit global warming. Stopping exploration and drilling for more oil and gas in NZ is a relatively painless and immediate action we can and must take. We request this Environmental Protection Authority Board of Inquiry (EPA) take into account the points, issues and concerns we are raising while considering the Tamarind applications. Sidetrack Development Drilling Application: Timeline: While Tamarind reports their intentions are to begin drilling this year and expect to complete the work in around nine months, they ask for a five year limit to the consent. We think this shows Tamarind is not being transparent in this application and could have motives other than those stated in the application. Granting a five year consent could increase the financial benefits to Tamarind but restrict NZ's ability to limit drilling in three, four or five years, should it be necessary. If the EPA decides to grant Tamarinds application to drill, we request the EPA restrict the consent to a

two year period. Marine Discharge Application: Tamarind are asking the EPA to permit them to dump hundreds of cubic meters of drilling waste off drilling rigs and into our big blue backyard in an area that is particularly sensitive, being the feeding ground and habitat of highly threatened marine species. The presumption that, as an enterprising business Tamarind can dump unwanted toxic by-products at the site of operation and carry away safely, only the product of value, is antiquated, socially irresponsible and out of step with responsible business practices, government intentions and current cultural norms. The waste material produced by Tamarind will be foreign, toxic and hazardous to the marine environment where they wish to dump it and to the life supported by that marine environment. That Tamarind fully intends to dump hazardous waste into a sensitive marine does strongly suggests they have only considered their profit margins in this equation. In comparison, land based businesses are required to take responsibility for the waste they produce; particularly waste that is toxic and hazardous. While many may love the idea of dumping waste out of their vehicle on the way home from work, it is not permitted on land. Dealing with waste on land often incurs significant cost and requires hazardous waste to be transported to facilities authorized to receive and dispose of such waste appropriately. We also note previous marine discharge applications relating to drilling waste have stated that hazardous waste would be taken to land based facilities for disposal. (OMV 2014) The sea is not a free dumping ground for the oil industries hazardous waste. The effects of undisclosed harmful chemicals intended to be discharged at sea cannot possibly be assessed. The risk from cumulative impacts on threatened marine species is unacceptable and the assessment provided by Tamarind is grossly inadequate. FFK request the EPA consider S59 (2)(d) of the EEZ Act and protect the integrity of our marine species and ecosystems by denying the marine discharge consent of hazardous and non hazardous waste. If this authority chooses to consent this application, we ask conditions be put in place and Tamarind be required to:

- Remove all hazardous and non-hazardous but foreign waste from the drilling areas and transport it to authorized sites for disposal.

**The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.**