

Tamarind development drilling applications

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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. 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. Monitoring threatened marine species, such as whales, dolphins and penguins are bio indicators that are only part of the problem. We cannot allow further destruction of our environment and our climate. Profit-driven companies will always exploit whatever they can. Regulatory means are the only mechanism that can stop this. 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 to the wider Tasman Sea. Impacts on kaimoana and on our ability to enjoy the beaches and the ocean as an ecosystem are already compromised. I urge the Environmental Protection Authority to do its job and protect the environment from this company.

