

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

You will receive information by email. Please indicate if you are unable to receive emails.

Notes

n/a

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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

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, I/we wish to receive all communications relating to this application

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. 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. Our obligations as citizens of New Zealand to the land and the people must come before fiscal gain. I implore the EPA to take heed of their title: agents for the protection of the environment. Not agents of the oil industry, or drilling lobbyists, or the employees that work upon these oil vessels. The current government has made it clear that it is their intention to end oil exploration of our shores. A reflection of this stance can be seen in the words of the Prime Minister, who describes the decision as a defining moment; one which could be remembered as one of 'nuclear free' caliber. The tide is turning - while selling oil is undoubtedly profitable, there exists a clear awareness among the people of the extreme danger that extracting oil entails. Furthermore, an oil spill would be devastating. One's mind is uneasily drawn to the devastation of the Gulf of Mexico. To the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Or our own shameful brush with an oil spill: the Rena fiasco. Those spills resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of marine animals and birds, and arguably contributed to the destruction of entire ecosystems. Oil chokes and suffocates wherever it seeps. Under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Crown promised to give rights of ultimate protection of Māori taonga. Our taonga includes the land and sea, and those things which reside there. One cannot claim to be fulfilling this obligation with one hand, while simultaneously allowing natural resources to be put at such elevated risk. Oil exploration, drilling and extraction in New Zealand waters must end. The benefits of it do not outweigh the enormous negatives, and as the key agency tasked with defending our unique and beautiful environment, I respectfully submit that you do not grant or negotiate any further exploration contracts in regards to Taranaki oil.