

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

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

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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. 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 understand (but disagree strongly) that the EEZ Act

precludes EPA to consider the effects of emissions from proposed activities on climate change. But even when the effects of emissions on climate change are omitted, there are plenty of reasons that further drilling and discharge of harmful substances should be stopped. Notably the plight of our many marine mammals and seabirds which are increasingly threatened by industrial activities in the South Taranaki Bight and elsewhere in NZ waters. None of the previous applications to EPA have presented comprehensive assessment of cumulative effects. Decisions made to the previous petroleum drilling and discharge applications have all been flawed for this reason - lack of comprehensive cumulative assessment of the proposed activities on marine ecosystems and species, especially threatened species which NZ is legally required to protect and restore. None of those applications including Tamarind's meet the purpose of the EEZ Act which is sustainable management with its broad definition as stated in the Act.