

OMV marine discharge consent application

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Overall Notes:

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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

No I/we do not wish to speak to my/our submission at the hearing

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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.

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Ae - Yes

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What decision do you want the Decision-making Committee to make and why? Provide reasons in the box below.

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Decline support Climate Justice Taranaki's call to hold public hearings on OMV's exploratory drilling consent application and jointly process it with all related applications. International experience has demonstrated that there can be devastating environmental and socio-economic impacts across huge areas from exploratory drilling. New Zealand does not have sufficient on-site resources to cope rapidly with a major incident, which could impact much of the west coast of the North Island and the top of the South Island, encompassing globally significant marine mammal and seabird habitats. The effects of undisclosed harmful chemicals to be discharged at sea cannot possibly be assessed. 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. Do support Climate Justice Taranaki's call for public consultation on the drilling. NON consent. I do not believe any financial benefit could possibly outweigh the risk to marine life. A sperm whale detects its prey by sending echolocation clicks from the front of its nose and listening for the echo, which reverberates in a fatty sac beneath its mouth. This enables it to pinpoint a single squid from thousands of feet away. They use these clicks as a visual tool to see and analyse what's around them. They perceive the world through sound. That seismic ship blasting sound through the water will be impeding their ability to feed, communicate, sleep.... like a torture. Regardless of how far away you think that ship was sound travels for 100's of kilometres underwater. This is a fact. It is no surprise those animals washed up....