

OMV marine discharge consent application

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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

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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.

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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.

Position

Refuse

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Decline I 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. In all OMV is proposing to drill up to 12 exploratory wells that will discharge undetermined quantities of undisclosed, potentially harmful substances at sea. It is impossible to assess the cumulative effects of all the drilling and discharge activities on the environment, marine species, human health and existing interests, if the applications are dealt with separately. The law requires consideration of cumulative effects and allows for joint processing of related applications.