



Ruling

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

Company Name	OMV New Zealand Limited
Date of Request	14 December 2016
Title of Request	Flowline Maintenance Works
Reference for Request	EEZ500020-1-R
Existing structure or submarine pipeline	Maari Well Head Platform and Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility Raroa
Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege	PMP 38160


The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) hereby provides a ruling to the effect that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of the following activities, identified in the request EEZ500020-1, are likely to be minor or less than minor:

The deposit of any thing on the seabed and in the waters of the EEZ:

The placement of a construction skid and submarine production flowlines associated with the maintenance of flowlines connecting the FPSO Raroa and the Maari Wellhead Platform, where:

- 1 a. The placement will be visually monitored using ROVs
- b. the footprint of the construction skid will be no greater than 5m x 20m
- c. the dry weight of the construction skid will be no greater than 10,000 kg
- d. the construction skid will be placed within 10m of the existing channels created by the flowlines
- e. no harmful substances will be released into the marine environment from the construction skid
- f. the placement performed using suitably certified lifting equipment
- g. the placement is performed no more than five times per flowline, or 10 times in total, prior to the expiration of PMP38160 on 1 December 2027
- h. The flowlines will be placed in the same location as the existing flowlines
- i. No harmful substances will be released into the marine environment as a result of disconnecting and reconnecting the flowlines

Provided Under Delegated Authority:



Siobhan Quayle

**General Manager, Climate, Land and Oceans
Environmental Protection Authority**

Date: 16 December 2016