

# Climate Justice Taranaki

## Newsletter 5 Dec 2012

Tena ano koutou katoa.

Welcome to our last panui/newsletter for 2012 and we have some good, breaking news - Petrobras has just pulled out of it's deepsea oil exploration permit on Te Tai Rawhiti

<http://www.3news.co.nz/Petrobras-pulls-out-of-NZ-oil-drilling/tabid/421/articleID/279121/Default.aspx>.

They say it's not due to protest but we're sure the protests not just here but also overseas are making the business of oil drilling a bit unpopular with investors. Keep up the good work!

We also had the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE)'s interim report on fracking come out last week. It wasn't quite bad news for us or for the oil companies yet but made our regulation boards look very bad. The full report is due out mid 2013. The interim report can be found here:

<http://www.pce.parliament.nz/assets/Uploads/Fracking-interim-web.pdf>. We will maintain our call to stop fracking.

Right so lots of educational and fun events coming up in the next two months (see below) especially Powershift this weekend in Auckland and at the very end here a really good article from Znet about the international climate change situation.

Have a great, hopefully relaxing summer break!

Hei tera tau...

Climate Justice Taranaki

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.info>

[http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_205878806095057](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_205878806095057)

<http://nodrilling.wordpress.com/taranaki/>

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### Media Release: Community Joint Statement Calling for Fracking Ban or Moratorium

27/11/2012

"In light of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the

Environment (PCE)'s interim report on fracking released today, an alliance of 16 environmental groups, hapu and businesses have signed onto a joint statement, demanding a nationwide ban or moratorium on fracking.

"The PCE report identified many serious issues concerning fracking, from water contamination to air pollution and earthquakes. Putting it mildly, the commissioner described the current government oversight as 'complex and fragmented' which may allow important issues to 'fall between the cracks'. Indeed many things have fallen between the cracks, notably TRC's prior lack of resource consents for fracking, an issue pointed out by Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) last year and acknowledged in the PCE report." TO READ MORE »

<https://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/2012/11/27/media-release-community-joint-statement-calling-for-fracking-ban-or-moratorium/>

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### Community Joint Statement on Fracking

An alliance of environmental groups, hapu and businesses has formed to express grave concerns about hydraulic fracturing (fracking) and demand its ban or moratorium nationwide. TO READ MORE »

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/community-joint-statement-on-fracking-v3.pdf>

Email us to sign on your hapu, group, business or whanau too.

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### "Illegal wells" by TAG & "poor performance" for Todd

Taranaki heroes Sarah Roberts, David Morrison and Michael Self have once again written excellent submissions calling out TAG Oil for illegal flaring and for drilling several illegal wells and other infrastructure in Southern Taranaki under a single well consent issued by TRC some years ago.

Todd Energy have also been pulled up in another submission by the trio after they were awarded the oddly rare "poor performance" rating by TRC with TRC's Fred McLay apparently caught lying about

an unpublished document. This is the lowest rating you can receive.

Both submissions can be found here: 21 and 22 Nov  
<https://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/newsletter/>

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## **MEDIA RELEASE: TPPA a threat to the environment**

"The secret Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) negotiations taking place now in Auckland (3-12 Dec) will have huge impacts on New Zealand from environmental protection to access to medicine, labour laws and internet regulations just to name a few" says Climate Justice Taranaki member Urs Signer.

TO READ MORE »

<https://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/2012/12/03/media-release-tppa-a-threat-to-the-environment/>

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## **Powershift NZ-Pacifica**

7-9 December 2012, Auckland

Join the biggest youth climate summit New Zealand has ever seen! Power Shift will be part conference, part festival, part workshop and part celebration of the power of hundreds of young people to change the world. Are you in?

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

If you can't make it, have a look at the line up anyway for inspiration and to get an insight into what youth want for our future...

<http://powershift.org.nz/details/programme/>

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## **Keep the Coal in the Hole Summer Festival**

18-21 January 2013, Gore, Southland

You are warmly invited to gather for another Summer Festival and camp in January 2013 after the awesome success of the 2012 festival held at Mike Dumbars' property at Maitua – to explore the problems and challenges we face, to share ideas, skills, education, enthusiasm and most importantly to act now around

the issues of coal mining and in particular the proposed lignite mining in the Maitua Valley!

<http://nocoalsummerfest.org.nz/>

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## **Nga Toka Tu Moana Festival**

16-20 Jan 2013, Te Kaha

Nga Toka Tu Moana is a week of celebration, sharing, planning and action for the planet in Te Whanau-a-Apanui on the East Coast of New Zealand.

Starting with the arrival of the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior and ending with an awesome concert, the week of events is designed to inspire, connect and challenge people who care about the future of our country. The festival concludes with a community concert on Sunday 20th January featuring iconic Kiwi band Ardijah, 1814 and many others. <http://www.ngatm.org.nz/>

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## **National Permaculture Hui 2013 - seeking workshop presenters**

The 2013 National Permaculture Hui will be held in Taranaki on March 9-11.

The kaupapa or theme of the hui is "Up-skilling", with an emphasis on practical workshops, Maitua Maori, connecting, and sharing. Have you got a skill or knowledge to share? Can you help develop the capacity of people and communities to live sustainably?

Email Kama at [bee@hivetaranaki.co.nz](mailto:bee@hivetaranaki.co.nz) with:

- A title and brief description of your workshop / presentation.
- A brief description of who you are, where you are from, and your experience with this skill/knowledge.

Nga mihi !

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## **The Sustainable Farming Films ONLINE**

A big thanks to all our awesome speakers who traveled so far to share their knowledge and

experiences with us on the details of sustainable farming and carbon farming. It was a most engaging evening. We hope we can hold this event again sometime next year.

In case you couldn't make it last Saturday or you want to see more related films below are the online links to the films which lead to even more films... We have also made an easy one page document on carbon farming which will be up on our website soon or email us for a copy now.

'A Farm for the Future' - Part 1 of 5 here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xShCEKL-mQ8> which leads to all 5 parts

'Aquaculture: the synergy of land and water' with Sepp Holzer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bar82jvGvPE> (starts at 30 secs)

'Fresh' - Trailer and links to other related clips [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwR44T69\\_Is](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KwR44T69_Is)

## Why UN Climate Agreements Fail

By Shamus Cooke

History will undoubtedly deliver the harshest condemnations of the UN climate talks currently underway in Doha, Qatar. But the conference was laughable before it began; the inept "goals" of the talks stand in tragic-comic opposition to what we already know about climate change — that the climate has already changed in profound ways and its trajectory spells doom for civilization if drastic, coordinated steps are not taken in the immediate future.

For example, the Doha talks began with a shocking dose of reality: the World Meteorological Organization reported to the UN conference that an area of Arctic sea ice bigger than the United States melted in the past year, a rate faster than the most pessimistic scientists imagined only a couple of years ago. TO READ MORE »

<http://www.zcommunications.org/why-un-climate-agreements-fail-by-shamus-cooke>

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