

Dear Mr Chamberlain, Mr McLeod and Taranaki Regional Councillors

We are writing to express our concern regarding the Director of Environment Quality, Taranaki Regional Council (TRC), Mr Bedford's response in the Taranaki Daily News on August 4th. We believe his response highlights overwhelmingly why the public should be fearful of the environmental monitoring of oil and gas industries by the Council.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/features/7414155/Fracking-tour-taps-deep-fear>

1. Ngatoro 1 wellsite close to the Ngatoro Stream, and above the Inglewood water intake, was hydraulically fractured at a shallow depth on 7th February 2001 according to the third version of TRC's fracking report. Not "in 1993, 20 years ago" as Mr Bedford states in the Taranaki Daily News.
2. In 1998 Greymouth Petroleum were legally consented (4073-2, expires 2015) to discharge "treated stormwater, treated production water and treated wastewater from oil well drilling and production operations and a truck turning area into the Ngatoro Stream". This is directly above the water intake (originally consented in 1994, renewed in 2009) for the Inglewood municipal supplies according to TRC documentation; not into an unnamed tributary of the Ngatoro Stream as Mr Bedford states in the Taranaki Daily News. The multiple sampling sites of the unnamed tributary Mr Bedford refers to are hundreds of metres below the legally consented discharge point and water intake and is at the exact location of another TRC discharge consent-for effluent (1701-3).
3. Many of the 65 fracked wells do not have comprehensive environmental reports published for any of the oil and gas activities at those wells let alone fracking. Some of the wells that do have only visual monitoring.

It is simply not good enough to tell the public we and our environment are safe.

We remain extremely concerned.

Yours faithfully

Sarah Roberts, David Morrison and Mike Self.

Taranaki residents