

Climate Justice Taranaki

Newsletter, 14 November 2012

Nga mihi ki a koutou,

A big panui/newsletter this month as there are HEAPS going on. Most importantly come along to our free community event next Saturday 24th November.

Our best wishes to all of you giving your oral submissions on the Crown Minerals Act review this week. Kia kaha. Go hard.

Climate Justice Taranaki

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.info>
www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_205878806095057
<http://nodrilling.wordpress.com/taranaki/>

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SUSTAINABLE FARMING FILM FESTIVAL!

Saturday 24 November 6-9pm (doors open 5:30pm)

Hempton Hall, Okato

FREE entry, drinks and snacks on sale

info stalls, speakers, films and discussion

A printable POSTER and film information can be found here

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/upcoming-events/>

MEDIA RELEASE - Sustainable Farming Film Festival

'Practical examples of sustainable farming techniques such as polyface farming, permaculture, forest gardens, edible cattle hedges, biological farming and organics all feature in a Sustainable Farming Film Festival coming to Okato's Hempton Hall next weekend on 24 November.

'Climate Justice Taranaki have hit the headlines a lot since they formed in late 2010, criticising new oil and gas exploration, in particular the dangerous technique called fracking, but the group is not just about saying 'NO' to more fossil fuels.'

READ MORE...

http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/2012/11/13/media-release-sustainable-farming-film-festival/?preview=true&preview_id=1725&preview_nonce=d107b44eee

Here's some very short videos to hopefully spark your interest

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/photos/>

PCE FRACK REPORT DUE OUT SOON

Part one of two parts of her report on fracking is due out on 27 November. In response to Todd Energy's 183 page report just released we collated our concerns into a report of our own. Our full report is available here:

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/cjt-submission-to-pce-12nov2012.pdf>

Below is a summary of the report we put into a media release. If you have information for the PCE concerning fracking send it to her this week.

MEDIA RELEASE: Climate Justice Taranaki contradicts Todd

'In a recent submission to the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE), Climate Justice Taranaki (CJT) has highlighted the complex issues surrounding hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations in New Zealand and their far reaching impacts, should they be allowed to proliferate.

"Instead of providing greater transparency in response to public concerns, the industry has continued to 'spin', tell the public half-truths, claim media space, insist on confidentiality agreements with landowners, and buy their so-called 'social license' with donations and sponsorships for schools, community groups and public events," said CJT researcher Catherine Cheung.'

READ MORE...

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/2012/11/13/media-release-climate-justice-taranaki-contradicts-todd/>

The call for a moratorium on fracking continues!
Watch this space...

SUBMISSIONS NEEDED (again) on DRAFT MINERALS PROGRAMME

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/submissions/>

The Ministry is now seeking feedback on two draft minerals programmes, which set out the policies and procedures for the allocation and administration of

Crown-owned petroleum and mineral resources. Consultation on the draft minerals programmes is happening concurrently to the Commerce Select Committee process on the Crown Minerals (Permitting and Crown Land) Bill. The draft minerals programmes should be read alongside the Bill.

Submissions due on 5 December 2012. Details on MED website

<http://www.med.govt.nz/sectors-industries/natural-resources/oil-and-gas/review-of-the-crown-minerals-act-regime/consultation-on-proposed-changes/consultation-draft-minerals-programmes>

MEDIA RELEASE - MORE BLOCK OFFERS MADE FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION

<http://www.nzpam.govt.nz/cms/petroleum/block-offers/block-offer-2013>

The government's proposed new block offers leaves almost no land in Taranaki protected except the national park and opens up almost all of our coastal waters.

This insane expansion of fossil fuel extraction is putting short term economic benefits for a tiny, greedy minority ahead of all generations to come who will have to live with severe climate chaos and major social upheavals.

It is encouraging to see that iwi are being consulted but there are no guarantees that they will not be ignored as usual. All people of Aotearoa who will be affected should be consulted with and have a part in the decision making.

PEOPLES STORIES

We have started a new page on our website where the people most affected by fracking and other climate justice issues can tell their story. Some residents are now even making youtube videos of what they have to deal with. Please see

<http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/peoplestories/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 1 & 2 - Korito Education - Permaculture weekend
Module 5: Small and large animals & food forests (taught by John and Dee).

The cost of a day course is \$100 or \$180 for the

weekend including morning and afternoon tea.

Modules 6-9 will be in early 2013.

www.korito.co.nz (06) 7522181

18-21 January 2013

Coal Summer Fest, near Gore, Otago

8-10 February 2013

Tahuri Whenua Maori Growers Association regional hui and workshops, Parihaka Pa.

March 9-11 2013

Permaculture Conference, Vertical Horizons, Taranaki

March 11-15 2013

Permaculture post-conference working bee, Parihaka Pa, Taranaki

2013

Direct action training workshops, coming soon....

MARINE BIOTOXIN EVENT - Taranaki - PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING!

Tuesday, 6 November 2012 16:29

Today, the Taranaki Public Health Unit (PHU) was notified by the Ministry of Primary Industry that the Mohakatino monitoring site, north of Taranaki, had exceeded the Maximum Acceptable Value for PSPs in shellfish.

The current warning covers the area from Mohakatino to Motunui. This warning is an extension to the area Kawhia/Raglan - Mokau where a public health warning had been released by the Waikato District Health Board.

A media release has been drafted by the Taranaki PHU. The PHU will also be erecting warning signs at all known public access points along the coast including boat ramps, camp grounds, fishing sites etc. The Taranaki PHU will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you updated. If you have any queries please contact the Taranaki Public Unit on (06) 753 7798.

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MORE... <http://www.indymedia.org.nz/articles/167>

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Economic folly

It is interesting that the arguments around mining and drilling are always phrased as a pure economics vs environmental issue, as if the environment is like a british garden, purely for the enjoyment of the privileged.

We need to understand the issue more clearly as a longterm economic and social issue and the environment as everything around us that sustains our lives and the lives of all those around us and yet to come. A healthy environment = a healthy economy.

These companies who want to come into our territories to take resources and flog them off for large profits for themselves and their well-off shareholders are only looking at short term economic gain for a few. The longterm cost is massive and often indirect and conveniently hard to prove, but that cost is borne by all (eg. climate chaos, environmental destruction) and most heavily on those who are the least well off and the least to blame.

A 20 year mining industry might bring in taxes for the politicians to spend as they wish and a few jobs for a few years for a few people. Contrast that with the fishing economy that it could temporarily or even permanently destroy which can provide food and employment for many more people, local people, and potentially last forever if we manage our takes sustainably.

The same can be said with our current industrial farming methods which mine our once rich soils. We could feed our soils organic nutrients instead of bombarding them with petrochemicals and heavy machinery and have a thriving rural economy again instead of this near feudal system which drives our young to the cities.

If we get out of this short term mindset and into a longterm one we will see clearly and make the right decisions for all generations to come.

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