

### **Councils choose to act alone**

Resource consents were approved via Taranaki Regional Council and Stratford District Council. Both Councils considered the establishment of this industrial site and the use of and the effect on the surrounding environment and resources, to be not of significance and to be of little importance to the district and region.

That judgement allowed the councils to set aside their 'Significance Policy' (Local Government Act 2002) giving them authority to process Tag Oil's various applications in house, without Iwi consultation, without community consideration and without public disclosure.

### **Tag Oil**

Tag Oil's web-site reports the company is Canadian owned but operates only in New Zealand enjoying "low political risk and some of the most advantageous fiscal terms worldwide."

Although Tag has interest in conventional and unconventional production, they recently raised twenty-five million dollars in finance, employed two US fracking experts and reported; with 2,720,358 acres to prospect Tag Oil is anticipating a "widespread unconventional drilling campaign."



Aerial photograph showing the results of a widespread unconventional drilling campaign on Texas. Photo shows well pads, roads and pipelines, taken by Amy Young 2013.

### **What can we do to stop this happening here?**

Learn more about the immediate threat of fracking in Aotearoa/NZ and share it. Join local frack free and stop the drilling groups in your area. Info at: <http://climatejusticetaranaki.wordpress.com/>

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# Don't Frack With Our Mountain



### **Did you know**

just over the fence from Mt Taranaki and the Egmont National Park, a Canadian Company 'Tag Oil' is getting ready to frack the hell out of our mountain and countryside?

Beginning 220 meters off the park boundary, Tag Oil have plans to develop a heavily industrialised worksite where eight oil and gas wells will be drilled and fracked into production. Heavy vehicle movements and noise will become the new norm. Toxic chemicals will pollute groundwater beyond repair.\* Contaminated waste will lay in pits, be pumped into deep injection wells or spread on land. A large flare will burn from a pit; it will sound like a jet engine overhead, light up the night sky and release dangerous pollutants into the clean mountain air. Tag Oil hope to make use of this site for the next thirty years. \*<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/01/05/some-states-confirm-water-pollution-from-drilling/4328859/>

- How could this full-scale, open air industrial development have been permitted in such a sensitive environment?
- How were decisions so significant, made behind closed doors and without the knowledge of Mountain Iwi and the wider community?

All about fracking

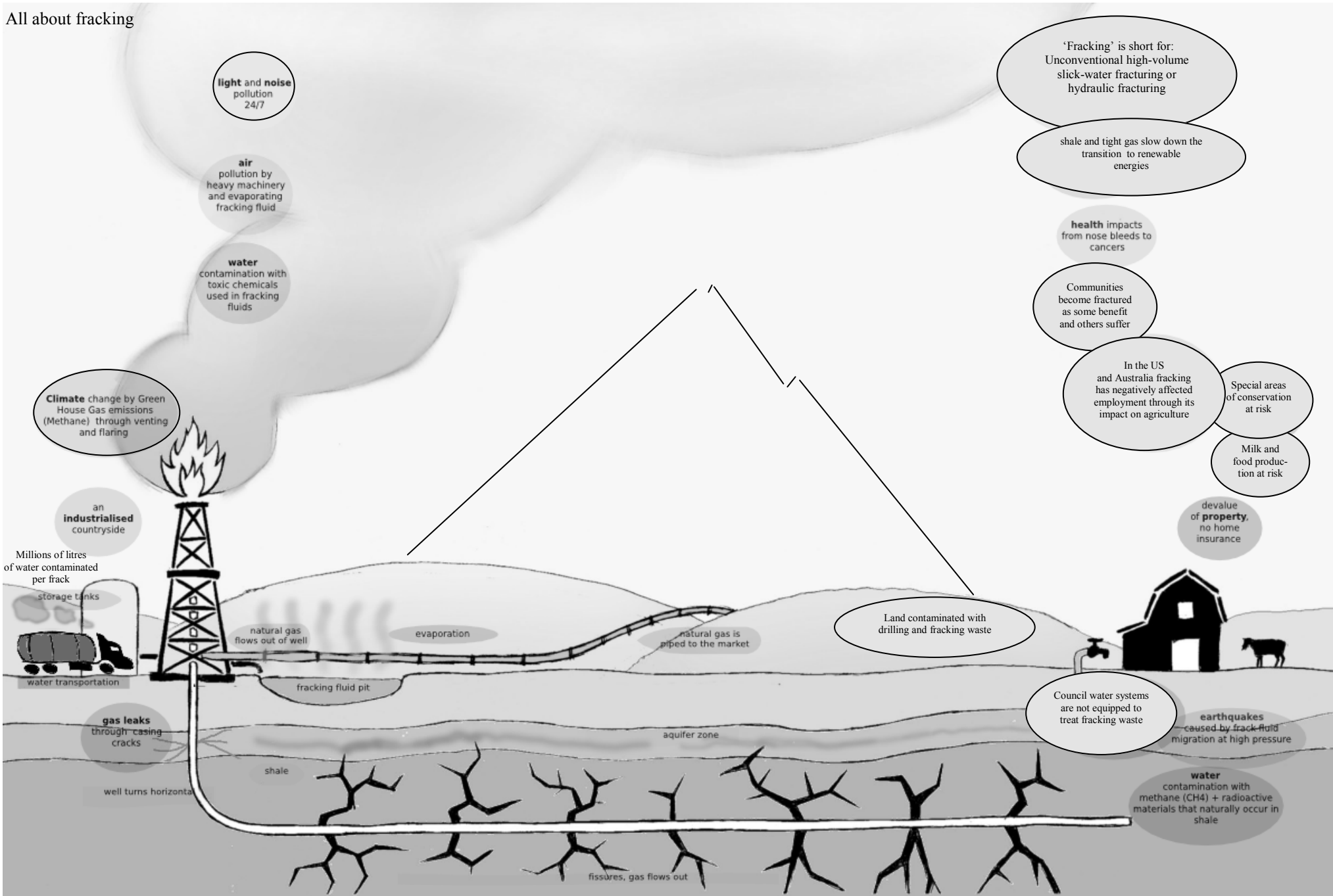


Diagram adapted from original at: [frackingfreeireland.org](http://frackingfreeireland.org)