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Tēnā koe Dr Barrington

REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT

The Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand (PEPANZ) is the industry association representing the upstream oil and gas sector.

PEPANZ has not traditionally made requests under the Official Information Act 1982. However, we make this request in light of our serious concern about the Government's unexpected announcement to ban new offshore petroleum exploration permits, including the manner in which it appears to have been made.

We request any advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to Ministers of the Crown or other Government Departments, from the period starting 1 November 2017 to today's date, that relates to:

- how ceasing new petroleum exploration and production in New Zealand may affect domestic and global emission profiles, including the risk of 'carbon/emissions leakage' of petroleum activities, and
- international perceptions of New Zealand from ceasing new petroleum exploration.

For your information, we have also made similar requests for Official Information to

- the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet,
- the Environmental Protection Authority,
- the Ministry for the Environment,
- the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, and
- the Treasury.

Nāku noa, nā



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