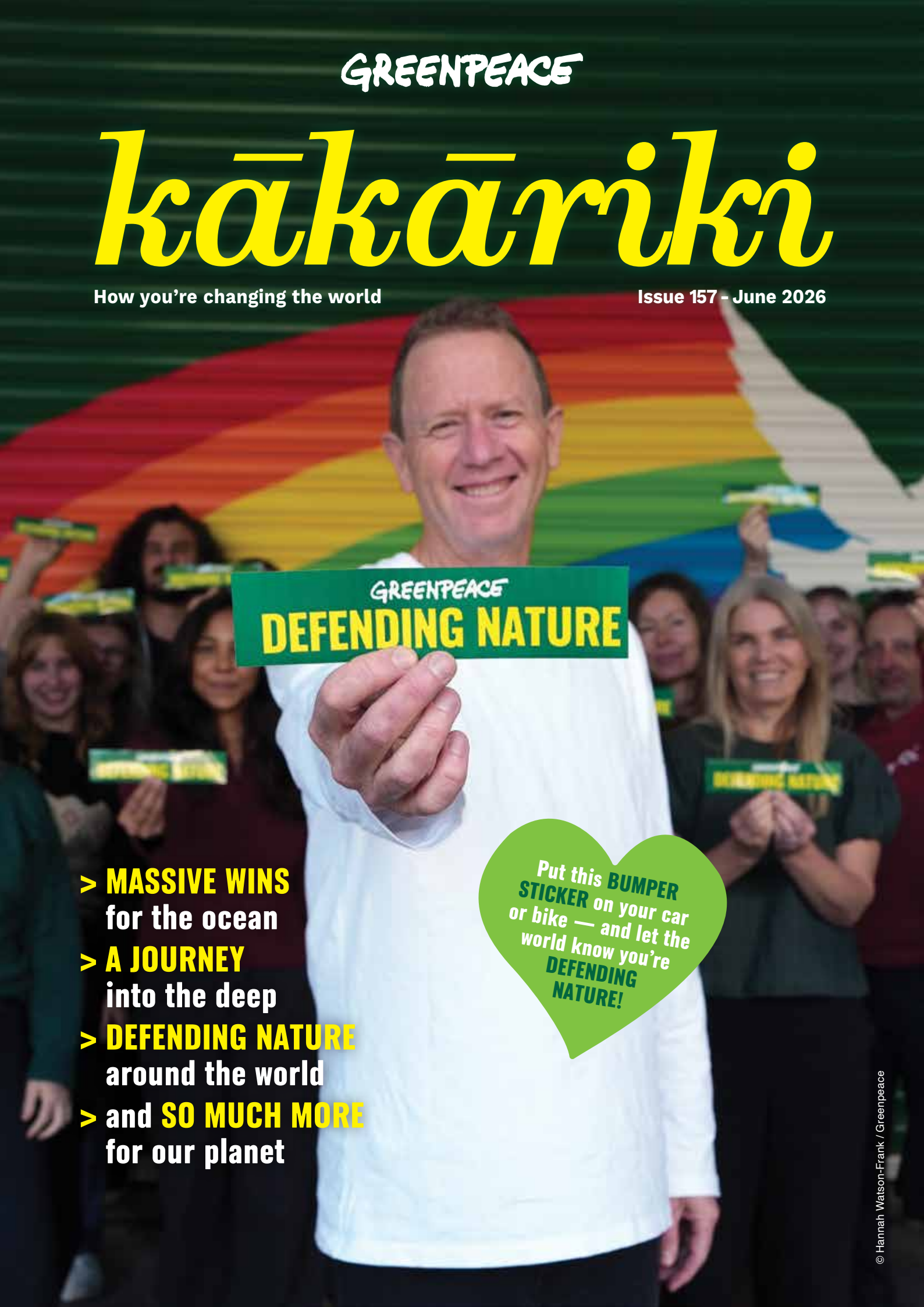


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YOU'RE PROTECTING THE OCEAN AND THE LIFE IT SUSTAINS

*The historic Global Ocean Treaty
has finally entered into force.*

After nearly two decades of pressure, persistence, and millions of voices from people like you calling for change, there's now a legal tool that allows governments to create global ocean sanctuaries — places where marine life can recover, thrive and be protected from destructive activities.

The very first Greenpeace briefing on the need for an ocean treaty was written back in 2005. It took years of negotiations and relentless persistence, but with your support, Greenpeace and a global movement of ocean lovers have done it. The Global Ocean Treaty is here and is now in force. Whether you first supported Greenpeace this year or twenty years ago, this is your victory.

Did you know? Less than 1% of the High Seas are fully or highly protected, leaving the heart of our planet's life-support system wide open to industrial exploitation. But the Global Ocean Treaty has the power to change that. And it is now international law — the most significant victory for ocean restoration in a generation. Your support is one of the reasons we now have this Treaty, providing the legal framework for ocean protection that we have been fighting for so long.

What's next? While the Treaty provides the pathway, we now need governments to turn this into real world ocean protection.

Scientists are clear: to give the ocean a fighting chance, we must protect at least 30% of it by 2030 — so governments need to move fast to put the Treaty into action by creating a strong network of fully protected sanctuaries.

That includes our own backyard. In the South Pacific High Seas, New Zealand remains the only country still bottom trawling, devastating ancient coral forests and deep sea habitats.

With your support, Greenpeace is pressuring the New Zealand Government to commit to real ocean protection by ratifying the Treaty and getting on board with creating a high sea sanctuary in the Tasman Sea.

From the humpbacks, the sharks, the corals, and the deep-sea creatures who can't say it themselves: **THANK YOU.**

*Thanks to your support, for
the first time in history, we
have a legal tool — the Global Ocean
Treaty — to protect the ocean and
all the incredible life that lives in it.*

*Scan to see the impact of
this amazing WIN that you
helped make possible!*

THANK
YOU!



YOU DEFENDED THE OCEAN FROM SEABED MINING - AGAIN!

In February, Australian company Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR) hit another dead end in their persistent attempts to mine the seabed off the South Taranaki Bight — a massive win for the ocean that would not have been possible without your support!

For 12 years we have been relentlessly fighting TTR. We fought them in courts, we stood against them in the fast-track process, we made sure our voices were heard on the streets, in the courtroom, in the media and on social media — all thanks to your support! Together, we have protected the South Taranaki seabed — and all the amazing marine life that depends on it — from TTR's seabed mining.

Seabed mining is an emerging highly destructive industry. It involves tearing up the seafloor to extract minerals. It would cause irreversible harm to the environment and threaten the very survival of marine life that calls the area home — including the pygmy blue whale and critically endangered Māui dolphin.

For more than a decade, TTR has been trying to get seabed mining off the ground in Aotearoa, and here at Greenpeace we have resisted. Alongside our allies, led by the mana of Ngāti Ruanui, our efforts bolstered by the incredible support of our donors, we have stopped them at every turn. In February, TTR retreated from their latest attempt when the Fast Track panel released a draft decision declining their mining application.

Because of your support, marine life is safe from the looming threat of TTR's seabed mining. It is a powerful reminder that when we stand together to take action, we can defend nature.

FREE Pygmy Blue Whale WALLPAPER

*Thanks to your support, the
Fast-Track panel has declined
TTR's seabed mining applica-
tion, protecting the ocean
and its marine life, including
the pygmy blue whale.*



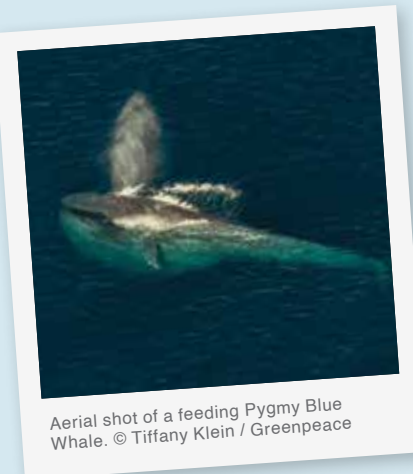
A pair of Māui dolphins — the world's rarest and smallest known subspecies of dolphin — swimming in the coastal waters of Aotearoa New Zealand. © Nigel Marple / Greenpeace

A TIMELINE TO OCEAN PROTECTION

With your support and together with our allies, Greenpeace was able to stand up to TTR for more than a decade. THIS VICTORY BELONGS TO YOU!

This win for nature builds on 12 years of resistance — a testament to the determination of iwi, communities, experts and ocean defenders like you.

Together, we defended the South Taranaki Bight and won. Thank you for standing with us!



2014 TTR enters the scene...

TTR applied to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for consent to dig up and extract 50 million tonnes of the South Taranaki Bight's seafloor every year for 20 years. The EPA officially declined consent for the project.

2016 - 2017

TTR re-applied for consent in 2016, and in 2017, the EPA granted it (with conditions). With allies and powered by supporters like you, Greenpeace immediately filed a High Court legal appeal.



2018 Consent quashed!

With your support, Greenpeace — along with allies and experts in ecology, toxicology, marine mammals, penguins and birds and more — worked together to present strong evidence to the High Court, proving how destructive TTR's plans would be. The High Court quashed TTR's consent!



2019 - 2020 Decision upheld

TTR appealed the 2018 High Court decision. Greenpeace and allies cross-appealed to defend the ruling. The Court of Appeal upheld the decision to deny TTR mining the South Taranaki Bight seafloor.

2021 Supreme Court Win

TTR appealed and took the case to the Supreme Court. But because of the support of people like you who care for the oceans, Greenpeace and allies held strong. Armed with a mountain of evidence, we fought back — and together, we won! The Supreme Court unanimously dismissed TTR's appeal, upholding previous rulings.

2023 They tried again...

TTR began the process of applying to the EPA again.

MAR 2024 and again...

TTR dropped out of the EPA hearings, with the intention to use the Government's Fast Track legislation to revive their destructive plan.

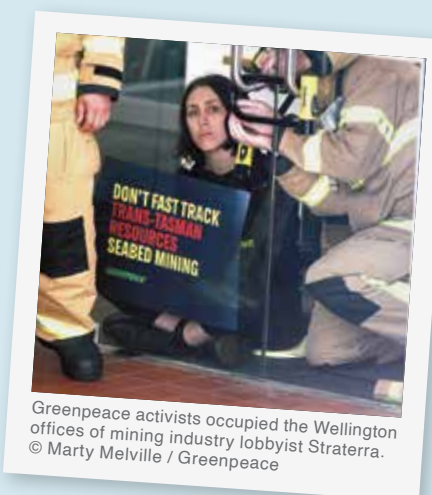
JUN 2024 We fought back!

20,000 Greenpeace allies and supporters took to the streets to "March for Nature" and thousands more made submissions against the Bill — a peaceful protest against the Fast Track Approvals Bill.



SEP 2024 We resisted again!

As TTR tried to hide behind lobby groups, Greenpeace took the fight to their "enablers". Greenpeace activists occupied the Wellington offices of mining industry lobbyist Straterra (now rebranded as the NZ Minerals Council) to protest plans to fast track its client TTR's plans. You gave us the power to deliver a loud and clear message: We will resist TTR's seabed mining!



NOV 2024 AGM shut down!

Greenpeace activists shut down the AGM for Australian company Manuka Resources, TTR's parent company, in Sydney, warning that their project will be resisted.



OCT 2025 Evidence mounts

Greenpeace and our allies submitted a mountain of evidence to the Fast Track Expert Panel that proved that seabed mining would create a "choking plume"

of waste that could hurt the marine animals thriving at the South Taranaki Bight.

FEB 2026 We won!

The Fast Track panel released a draft decision declining TTR's application — a massive victory for nature! TTR chose not to wait for the panel's final decision and officially withdrew its application.

The victory to protect the ocean and marine life would not be possible without you and thousands of Greenpeace supporters like you. This fight took years of:

- Scientific research that proved how destructive TTR's plans would be.
- Legal battles all the way to the Supreme Court.
- Campaigning and taking bold, Greenpeace-style action that confronted these wannabe seabed miners every step of the way.

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The story of the last 12 years is one of resilience, showing that powerful corporate interests aren't invincible. It proved that when we stand together, taking action year after year, we can win. Thank you for continuing to protect our blue planet."

- Juressa Lee, Greenpeace Seabed Mining Campaigner

The fight to BAN SEABED MINING continues!

TTR's fast track application was rejected. But seabed mining hasn't been banned. The New Zealand Government must implement a ban now and ensure our door is always closed to seabed mining companies. Sign the petition today demanding the Government ban seabed mining for good.



EXPEDITION TO PROTECT THE OCEAN - AN UPDATE

Lord Howe Rise

In 2025, Greenpeace led a scientific expedition to document the deep in the high seas between Aotearoa and Australia. A year on from our voyage, we're excited to finally share some of our findings from a seamount we surveyed and why this work is so vital.

What we found: On this never-before-explored seamount on the Lord Howe Rise, scientists catalogued 350 corals, sponges and other deep sea life-forms from just a tiny fraction of this seamount. Many of these corals are over 100 years old (some even older!) and some are nearly 2 meters high. We found slow-growing and fragile corals including bamboo, golden, precious, stony, hydro and black, in addition to sponges, sea lilies and anemones. This has proven for the first time that the Lord Howe Rise seamount is a vulnerable marine ecosystem.

What's next? Alarming, New Zealand is the only country still bottom trawling in this area, meaning the trawling fleet is the major threat to the fragile corals we observed. But, according to international rules, this new definition of a vulnerable marine ecosystem should protect the seamount from destructive bottom trawling.

With your help and support, we submitted these findings to the regional fisheries body that governs rules around industrial fishing in these high sea areas. Now, we are urging them to use the clear proof of fragile, ancient life in the deep to help protect this vital seamount and the life that it supports for good.



Scientists identify species during DropCam operations. © Carl Naus / Greenpeace

The remotely operated underwater vehicle is deployed by crew onboard the ship during the Seamounts Expedition. © Carl Naus / Greenpeace

And we're not stopping there. We recorded evidence of deep sea life from multiple sites in the Tasman, and in 2026 will keep pushing these findings to ensure these precious places get protection for the future. This area is so biodiverse — it's already being considered for one of the world's first global ocean sanctuaries.

With your help, we will keep campaigning to get trawling off seamounts and other vulnerable areas and we'll continue to fight for ocean protection — including in the Tasman Sea.

WATCH: A journey into the deep

This work wouldn't have been possible without your support and we are so excited to be able to share this journey with you.

Watch our voyage into the unknown — the mission to survey seamounts out in the High Seas of the Tasman.



EXPOSING FONTERRA'S GREENWASHING

Kia ora Nature Defender, I want to tell you the story of how you helped Greenpeace hold New Zealand's largest company to account. — Russel Norman, Executive Director

In October 2023, while looking at a block of Fonterra's Anchor butter at my local supermarket, I noticed that the packaging claimed the butter was from grassfed cows.

But, while Fonterra cows did eat grass, I knew they were also fed on millions of tonnes of palm kernel. Palm kernel is a dry, brown gravelly powder that comes from the destroyed rainforests of Southeast Asia — it's certainly not grass. This was greenwashing in plain sight.

Someone had to do something. And because I knew Greenpeace had a movement of people like you standing with us, people who cared about our planet, I knew we had the power to do it.

So I decided to complain to the Commerce Commission, as it was a breach of the Fair Trading Act. But eight months after my complaint, I discovered they planned to do nothing about it.

An Official Information Act (OIA) request revealed that Commerce Commission investigators had written to Fonterra, telling the company that the label was likely to be misleading but also stating they did not intend to further investigate the complaint. Fonterra just kept using the label.

In late September 2024, we'd had enough of the greenwashing, and initiated legal action ourselves. We sued Fonterra under the Fair Trading Act.

It was no small matter to take on a \$26 billion a year multinational corporation. But I knew that we were powerful, because we had you by our side. Your support gives us the independence and the determination to refuse to back down.

In April 2025, six months after we lodged our legal action, Fonterra quietly stopped using the label.



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And finally in April 2026, as the court hearing date approached, Fonterra agreed to an out of court settlement in which it admitted it had breached section 9 of the Fair Trading Act by engaging in deceptive and misleading advertising. Fonterra agreed not to use the label again.

To get an admission of guilt from the country's biggest company is a massive win and it was only possible with your support.

We finally made Fonterra admit that they were using palm kernel and that their milk is most certainly not 100% New Zealand grass-fed.

Fonterra has a choice about how its milk is produced. It chooses to accept milk produced with palm kernel, chooses to accept destroying rainforests, killing orangutans and birds of paradise.

For more than a decade, we've been calling on Fonterra to phase out palm kernel on its farms. And with you by our side, we will keep standing up for the rainforests and the animals that live in them until Fonterra commits to ending palm kernel usage for good.

Thank you for being the reason we can protect forests, wildlife and stand up to greenwashing and win.

R. Norman



What is GREENWASHING?

Want to know more? Take our Greenwashing Quiz!



GREENPEACE AOTEAROA IN ACTION

For more than 50 years Greenpeace's bold, peaceful actions have been at the heart of our work, exposing environmental crimes, confronting polluters and stopping destruction.

We would not be able to take action without your support — thank you. Here are some highlights from the recent months:



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You made it clear that SEABED MINING IS NOT WELCOME in Aotearoa

When the Fast Track Panel issued a draft decision to decline TTR's seabed mining project, the company withdrew their application.

Iwi representatives from Taranaki then delivered a 'trespass' notice to seabed miners in Sydney, warning the company against pursuing any future plans to pillage the seabed in Aotearoa.

Hand delivered by Rukutai Watene of Ngāti Ruanui, and joined by Greenpeace activists, the notice was served peacefully at the headquarters of Manuka Resources — parent company of Trans Tasman Resources (TTR).

With your support, we will keep standing up against them and any plans to start seabed mining in Aotearoa. Thank you for protecting the oceans.



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You called on the Government to STAND UP TO TRUMP

The Luxon Government is pursuing a 'critical' minerals deal with President Trump, which if signed would grant the US priority access to New Zealand's natural resources. Many of the minerals they regard as 'critical' have military applications, and the deal could open up new frontiers for extractive industries here in Aotearoa.

Thanks to your support, Greenpeace launched a bold campaign demanding Luxon reject any minerals deal. Your support helped take the message directly to the Prime Minister! Greenpeace activists converted Luxon's electoral office into 'the New Zealand headquarters of Trump's war mineral efforts'.

Together, our message to Luxon is clear. Aotearoa is not a US outpost. We must not allow the US to dictate widespread mining that could cause irreversible harm to the whenua, moana and people here in Aotearoa. Thank you for standing with us to protect nature.

WATCH:

Greenpeace Aotearoa activists remodel the New Zealand Prime Minister's electoral office, converting it into Trump's war minerals headquarters.



YOU'VE EXPOSED BIG DAIRY'S DEVASTATION

A fishing competition with no fish

Greenpeace activists gave Rakaia's iconic giant salmon statue a "makeover," adding cartoonised dead eyes and a speech bubble: "Fonterra killed my family!"



© Greenpeace

In February, the news broke that this year's Rakaia river fishing competition would have no competitive fishing, and would only proceed with a raffle, as there simply aren't enough fish left in the water to sustain a fishing event. When we heard this, we knew we had to take action.

By transforming the statue into a dead fish, we sent a clear message: intensive dairy expansion is threatening rivers across Aotearoa. Fonterra's oversized dairy herd is draining rivers like the Rakaia dry for the sake of their profits. From fish deaths to unswimmable water, the industry's footprint is everywhere.

JOIN US! BECOME A GREENPEACE VOLUNTEER!

Whether it's online or in person, there are many ways you can get involved to defend nature. Make a difference for our planet and gain new friends! Join the Greenpeace volunteer crew across Aotearoa and take action to help build a greener, more peaceful future.



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High levels of nitrate contamination in drinking water

In many rural communities across the country, synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and intensive dairy-ing is causing alarmingly high levels of nitrate contamination in drinking water — exposing people to health risks such as bowel cancer.

With your support, we took the issue directly to those in power with a "mobile bar", serving rural drinking water from Canterbury and Southland on the steps of Parliament. We challenged politicians to drink the same water that rural families are drinking every day.

Your support means that together, we can hold big polluters like Fonterra accountable and demand a transition to ecological, organic farming that puts water and people before profit.



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GLOBAL VICTORIES

GREENPEACE AROUND THE WORLD

When you donate to Greenpeace, you are powering a global movement for nature. From Aotearoa to the far reaches of the oceans, your support fuels the vital science, community empowerment, and action required to defend nature. Your passion is driving change every day. Here is a look at the impact we're making together around the world:



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Supporting local community in The Gambia

Greenpeace Africa hosted groundbreaking training in The Gambia. 50 participants learned to identify illegal fishing, then went directly to sea to observe industrial fishing operations and learned how to use tools to track vessel activity in real time. They also joined Greenpeace Ship *Arctic Sunrise* on night shifts, using radar to detect industrial vessels.



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Fighting fast fashion with science

On behalf of Greenpeace, textiles from fast fashion company SHEIN were tested for hazardous chemicals at the Bremen Environmental Institute. Our investigation exposed that SHEIN uses hazardous chemicals in its products. 32% of the products tested by Greenpeace contained hazardous chemicals that pose risks to both human health and the environment as they are toxic and hardly degradable in the environment.



Holding intensive livestock corporations accountable

For decades, JBS has been the market leader in Brazil's beef industry, which is the primary engine behind the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. Activists from Greenpeace Netherlands disrupted its shareholder meeting and delivered legal documents demanding that JBS disclose information needed to hold it accountable and challenge its destructive planned expansion to Sub-Saharan Africa in court. The ensuing litigation is likely to be the first climate case of this scale against the industrial meat sector.

MAKING A LASTING IMPACT



Supporting Greenpeace gives me incredible hope and optimism for the future of our planet and for the future of our children and grandchildren. Every day, 365 days a year, Greenpeace fights on our behalf, against huge corporations who want to harm the environment, aquatic life, vulnerable eco-systems, rain forests and the survival of our planet.

My monthly donation and in the future my gift in my Will means that Greenpeace can continue to work to make substantial changes and protect Earth. I feel so confident in the future of our planet with Greenpeace leading the way.

It makes me feel so good to support Greenpeace because I get so much satisfaction knowing our planet has every chance of survival because of the incredible people who represent Greenpeace and make such an unbelievable difference for all of us because they care so much about saving our planet so everyone, humans and animals have a future."

- Rosalind

Together, we can MAKE A GREENER & PEACEFUL FUTURE

Like Rosalind, you can replace the worry about the world you are leaving behind with the confidence that you are protecting it. Leaving a gift to Greenpeace in your Will is a way of ensuring the world left for the next generation is one where nature thrives and the oceans remain full of life.

Including a gift in your Will is simpler than you might think.

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