

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Manurewa Local Board will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Meeting Room: Manurewa Local Board Office
Venue: 7 Hill Road
Manurewa

Manurewa Local Board OPEN ADDENDUM AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP

Chairperson	Angela Dalton
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Manurewa Local Board feedback on the offshore petroleum exploration Block Offer 2016

File No.: CP2015/21062

Purpose

1. The purpose of the report is to seek formal endorsement from Manurewa Local Board on the draft Manurewa Local Board feedback on the offshore petroleum exploration Block Offer 2016.

Executive Summary

2. The government administers oil and gas exploration and production onshore and offshore under the Crown Minerals Act 1991.
3. The government consults with affected iwi/hapū and local government on prospective areas before their release in the annual Block Offer.
4. The New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals (NZPAM), which administers exploration and production, notified Auckland Council of the start of consultation on Block Offer 2016 on 3 September 2015. The submission period closes on 30 October 2015.
5. A report on the Block Offer 2016 proposal, including a draft submission, is proposed to be included in the 22 October 2015 agenda of the Finance and Performance Committee meeting.
6. Local board and iwi/hapū input to the council submission is being sought by Monday 19 October to be included on the Finance and Performance Committee agenda.

Recommendation/s

That the Manurewa Local Board:

- a) endorse the feedback in attachment A to the report entitled "Manurewa Local Board feedback on the offshore petroleum exploration Block Offer 2016".
- b) note that the feedback will be attached to the Auckland Council submission on the government's consultation on Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration Block Offer 2016.

Attachments

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Signatories

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Re: Manurewa Local Board Feedback on offshore petroleum exploration block offer

Purpose:

1. Manurewa Local Board wishes to provide feedback to contribute to the Auckland Council's Submission on the government's consultation on Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration Block Offer 2016.

Context:

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5. A report on the Block Offer 2016 proposal, including a draft submission, is proposed to be included in the agenda of the Finance and Performance Committees' October 22nd meeting.
6. Local Board and iwi/hapū input to the council submission is being sought by Monday 19th October.

Manurewa Local Board:

7. Manurewa Local Board wishes to provide the following feedback for the government's Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration Block Offer 2016.
8. Manurewa Local Board represents the almost 90,000 people of Manurewa, an area with a large and growing population of young people.
9. Manurewa residents have a rising understanding of the importance of the environment in their wellbeing. This is especially so for the waterways, and the Manukau Harbour and extends to the oceans.
10. The Manukau Harbour is a significant ecological area that is a breeding ground for several seabird species and is home to the endangered Maui's dolphin. Maui's dolphins are found along the length of Auckland's west coast. There are very small numbers remaining, with a real threat of extinction.
11. There are outstanding natural features along the west coast. The harbour's beaches are important for the recreational activities of local communities and also for the tourism industry.
12. In addition shellfish is gathered on beaches and fishing is widely undertaken offshore.
13. Many small rivers and streams have continued to deposit sediments within the harbour so that it has become shallow, with many sand bars, extensive mudflats, and



fringing mangrove swamps. An oil spill or leak would not be easily washed away on the tide and would have a devastating effect on the environment.

14. The Board requests that all practical steps are taken to protect the sensitive ecology and natural character of the area.
15. The Board has been advised in its consultations that: "It's time we take pride in our waterways and do all we can to protect and enhance them for the greater good of all."
16. No matter what past arrangements businesses and others operated under, people now expect a higher standard of care for the environment from business and a higher degree of responsible oversight.
17. Residents expect that government will play its part in supporting and requiring the necessary changes to provide for safe care of the environment.
18. Residents expect Auckland Council and Manurewa Local Board to act and advocate in this regard.
19. Auckland Council is preparing a submission to the government's Consultation and Block offer 2016.

Mana whenua

20. Manurewa Local Board seeks to link with iwi and respects their role in caring for the environment. Iwi have told the Board that Manukau Harbour used to be the food bowl for the iwi living around the harbour and that they would like the harbour restored to this state. The board has been working in partnership with iwi, for instance on the Industry Pollution Prevention Programme, towards a long term plan to make this happen.
21. It is the Board's expectation that there will be thorough consultation with mana whenua and careful consideration given to the representations of Mana whenau views.

Manukau Harbour Forum

22. Manukau Harbour Forum is a body constituted by 9 Local Boards on behalf of the communities who live around the Manukau Harbour. Manurewa Local Board is proud to play an active part in the work of the forum to protect and enhance the harbour. The forum is seeking the development of an overall hydrodynamic model and eventually a marine spatial plan for the harbour. In the absence of hydrodynamic modelling there is an unidentified level of risk should there be an oil spill in the area offshore. Any resulting pollution would have the potential to set back harbour restoration a long way. The Board believes precautionary principle must be taken to eliminate such risk where possible.
23. The forum is active in promoting the use of the harbour for recreation both by residents and tourists. Enhancing the range of fish, birds and mammals is an



important component in this work. Marine mammals including seals and whales have been more prominent in recent months. The Marine Mammal Sanctuaries off the west coast of the North Island add a further level of protection. The Board advises that there should be removal of any overlap between the Blocks being offered for exploration and any of the Marine Mammal Sanctuaries.

24. Offshore exploration requires more study and more understanding of risks and of the effects on marine life.

Yours sincerely

Angela Dalton
Chairperson, Manurewa Local Board