

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

29 JUNE 2016

AGENDA ITEM E1

REPORT FROM HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Purpose of Report

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

Recommendations

Her Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the information.*

1. Regional Transport Committee

Name	Mayor Adrienne Staples
Meeting – Date & Venue	Regional Transport Committee 24 May 2016 GWRC Offices Wellington
Key issues from meeting	Ngauranga to Airport update Autonomous Vehicles Introducing Transdev NZTA Key projects update
Specific item/s for Council consideration	None
General	NZTA Key projects update appended. All other items were oral presentations. N2A – Keep Wellington Moving – is a partnership approach between WCC, GWRC and NZTA to come up with solutions for the pinch points between Ngauranga and the Airport especially the Basin Reserve. Transdev are the new contractors for the passenger train services and take over from Kiwi Rail on 1 July.

2. Chevron NZ Exploration NZ

Meeting – Date & Venue	Chevron NZ Exploration Ltd 31 May Carterton Events Centre
Key issues from meeting	Chevron has been granted exploration rights for three offshore blocks 160km off the Wairarapa coastline. Seismic studies are being undertaken with drilling (if any) expected to begin in 2021. See attached in Appendix 2.

3. Spelling of Kahutara

Meeting – Date & Venue	Kevin Bargh 15 Jan 2015 Kahutara Followed up with written request 1 June 2016
Key issues from meeting	I met with Kevin on the side of the road when I had a flat tyre. He explained his desire to have the spelling of Kahutara corrected to its original of Kahautara. Kevin has concluded after discussions with local Iwi that Kahautara means hills formed by the wind (or similar) which refers to the local sand hills, whereas Kahutara refers to a female falcon's genitals. Kahautara would also explain the common bastardised pronunciation of 'Kar-how-tra'. Kevin advised that he has support of local Iwi and is seeking support from Council. His original email to LINZ is attached. Guidance is sought as to Council's support for this change.

4. Correspondence

4.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
16 May 2016	Neil Montgomerie-Crowe	Seeking advice on the whereabouts of the Gray Memorial seat.
25 May 2016	Remuneration Authority	1 July 2016 determination for elected members.
31 May 2016	NZTA	Advice that NZTA will shortly ask for participation in a Stakeholder Perceptions Survey.
3 June 2016	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Related Parties Declaration
30 May 2016	Anardarko	Update on work in the Pegasus Basin
14 June 2016	Lawrence Yule, President, Local Government New Zealand	Proposed Local Government Risk Agency

4.2 Outwards

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
21 June 2016	Ian Gunn	Unanimous vote from Council to write to express gratitude for all the work undertaken in the interests of the Wairarapa Moana

5. Other Meetings and Engagements

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ENGAGEMENT
19/05/16	Local Government Commission	07/06/16	Featherston Community Board
19/05/16	Launch Nikau Foundation Wairarapa	08/06/16	Greytown Community Board
20/05/16	Pukaha Mt Bruce opening of new aviary	09/06/16	SPCA
20/05/16	Cobblestones visit by Hon Maggie Barry	13/06/16	Review Standing Orders LGNZ
20/05/16	Booktown Fish and Chip Supper	13/06/16	Maori Standing Committee
21/05/16-22/05/16	Booktown	15/06/16	Annual Plan Workshop
23/05/16	WWUP	15/06/16	Infrastructure and Services
24/05/16	RTC	15/06/16	Greytown Sport and Leisure
24/05/16	Rangitane Settlement Update	15/06/16	Sport Wellington Sports Awards
25/05/16	Annual Plan submissions	16/06/16-17/06/16	Rural and Provincial
26/05/16	Waihinga Centre	20/06/16	Funeral
26/05/16	Kokomai launch	21/06/16	Treaty Settlement workshop
27/05/16	National Council	21/06/16	LGC public meeting Carterton
30/05/16	Local Government Commission	22/06/16	Auckland Transport presentation
30/05/16	Martinborough Community Board	22/06/16	LGC public meeting Greytown
31/05/16	Chevron	23/06/16	Australian LG Researcher
01/06/16	Lunch Bill English	23/06/16	LGC public meeting Martinborough
01/06/16	Times Age Sports Awards	24/06/16	CDEM
02/06/16	Greytown After 5's/Hub launch	24/06/16	Mayoral Forum
02/06/16	Citizenship Ceremony	25/05/16	Civil Defence Community Response Martinborough
03/06/16	Combined Council Forum	27/06/16	Labour Party Local Government Forum
07/06/16	Treaty Negotiation meeting Rick Barker	28/06/16	Wairarapa Chamber of Commerce
		28/06/16	LGC public meeting Featherston

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – NZTA Key Projects Update

Appendix 2 – Chevron NZ Exploration NZ

Appendix 3 – Kevin Bargh, Correspondence

Prepared By: Her Worship the Mayor, Adrienne Staples

Appendix 1 – NZTA Key Projects Update

Project	Key objective(s)	Current phase	Next phase and key milestones
Wellington Inner City			
Smart Motorway Ngauranga to Aotea Quay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with variable speed limits and associated messaging around minimising lane changes, should see improved safety and travel reliability for road users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourth northbound lane to open early June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early June smart system switched on (manual operation) Public awareness campaign End of 2016 automated system go-live
Mt. Victoria Tunnel refurbishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the operation, environment and safety in the tunnel and extend its working life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track for completion mid 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community hall drop in session planned for 19 June 2016
Wellington Port Access Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the efficiency, safety and resilience of access to the Wellington Port Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Business case completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme business case to identify recommended programme underway, due for completion August 2016
State Highway 1 Mt Victoria Tunnel Duplication			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project on hold pending revised Ngauranga to Airport (N2A) programme
State Highway 1 Terrace Tunnel Duplication			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project on hold pending revised Ngauranga to Airport (N2A) programme
Wellington Region Resilience Programme (joint NZTA-CWRC project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and understand priority areas of the land transport network subject to resilience issues, and develop a programme for implementation that will best achieve a network that is resilient to High Impact Low Probability (HILP) and Low Impact High Probability (LIHP) events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope being completed and contract arrangements finalised 	
Northern Corridor			
Transmission Gully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer, shorter and more reliable journeys between Linden and Mackays The new motorway will also be more resilient to seismic, storm and other natural events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental protection measures substantially installed, major haul roads, site and bridge accesses construction underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion: 2020

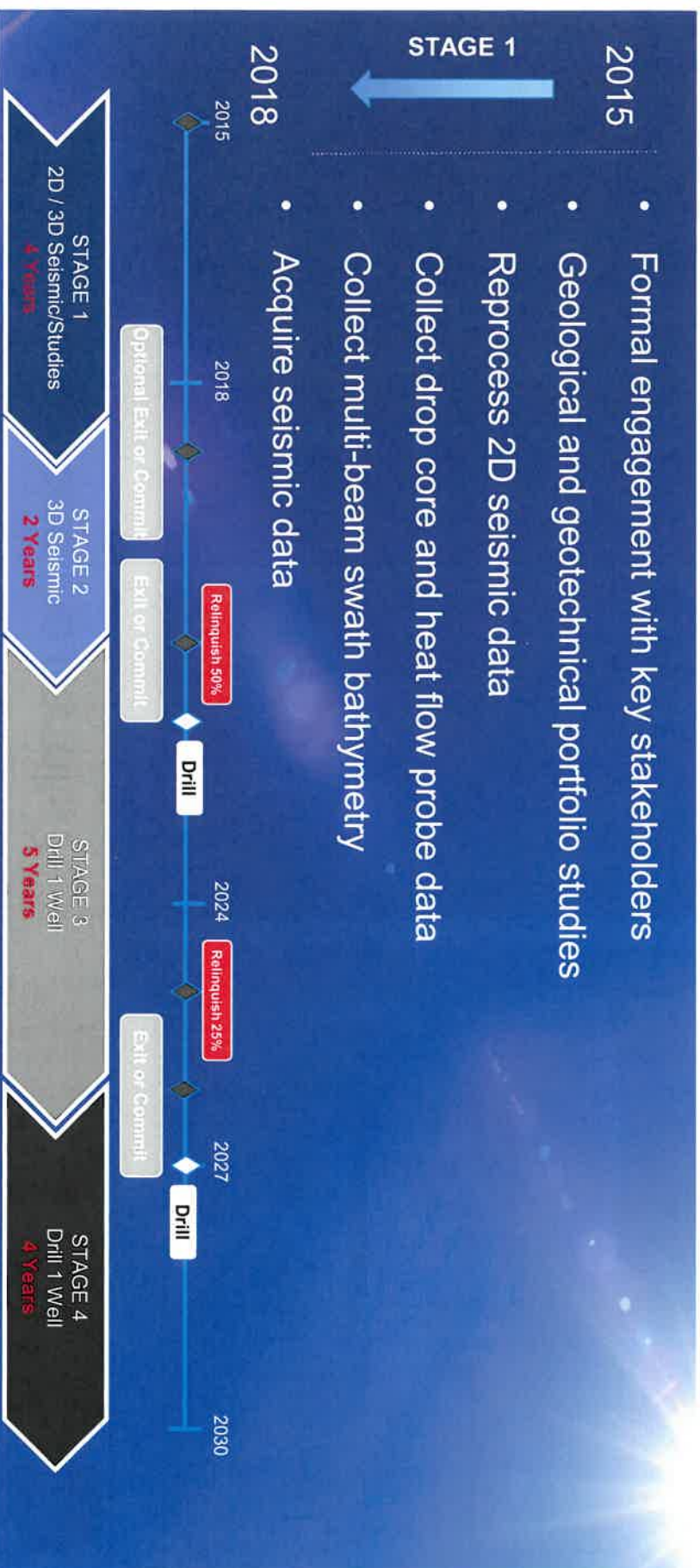
Greater Wellington projects May 2016

Project	Key objective(s)	Current phase	Next phase and key milestones
Mackays to Peka Peka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved safety, journey times, and journey-time reliability following the construction of the four lane expressway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raumati Straights – aiming for a late sept/early October completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road open February 2017 (aspirational opening December 2016)
Peka Peka to Otaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved safety, journey times, and journey-time reliability following the construction of the four lane expressway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First stage of Design and Construction tender process complete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and Construction contract awarded and start construction late 2016 Construction finish date: 2020
East – West Links			
State Highway 1/State Highway 2 Petone to Grenada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significantly reduced travel times between State Highway 1 (Porirua/Tawa) and State Highway 2 (Petone) of around 15 minutes each way in peak, plus improved journey times on State Highway 1 and State Highway 2 at peak times. Significantly improved regional resilience, particularly for the Hutt Valley through the creation of a new route. Improved safety through the creation of improved interchanges at Petone and Tawa Improved connectivity, particularly for Tawa/Porirua, Lower Hutt, and the Lincolnshire Farm area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of resource management documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lodge resource management documentation late 2016/early 2017 Construction start: 2019 Completion: 2023
State Highway 58 Safety Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved safety on State Highway 58 corridor from Haywards to Pauatahanui 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 1 curve realignment completed early 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress stage 2 curve realignments between Mt Cecil Road and Harris Street Progress investigations for safety improvements be-tween Transmission Gully and Haywards Interchange

Project	Key objective(s)	Current phase	Next phase and key milestones
State Highway 2 – Ngauranga to Masterton			
State Highway 2 Improvements – programme business cases			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two programme business cases target completion by October 2016
State Highway 2/Melling Intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advance an indicative business case for the State Highway 2/Melling intersection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement process to select consultant underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicative business case target completion by June 2017 Detailed business case target completion by June 2018 (TBC)
State Highway 2/58 Interchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved safety, journey times, and journey time reliability for road users. The provision of a park and ride and pedestrian bridge improves access to public transport, with the cycle lane and shared path improving safety and the cycle network for cyclists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabling works complete Earthworks underway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion: 2017
Wellington to Hutt Valley Cycleway / Walkway / Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fully segregated shared path from central Wellington to Petone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure resource management approvals for Petone to Melling section Commence resource management process for Ngauranga to Petone section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track, consents progressing. Target start for design and construction of Petone to Melling is late 2016/early 2017

Appendix 2 – Chevron NZ Exploration NZ

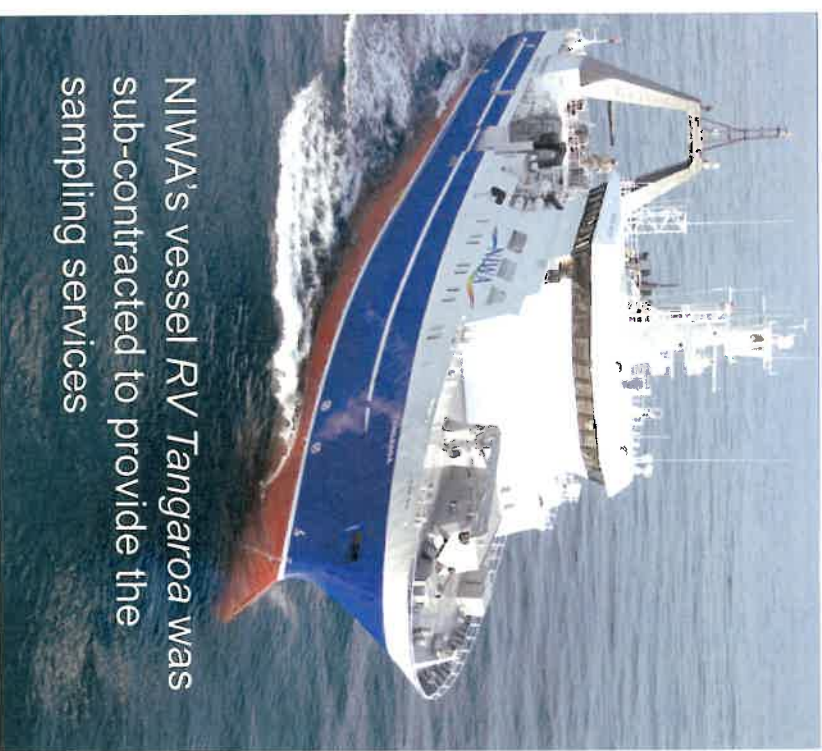
Chevron New Zealand Exploration Timeline



How are we assessing the permits?



2015 - Fugro-BTW Ltd contracted to conduct a seafloor sampling program to help identify natural seeps and sediment geology/history on seafloor



NIWA's vessel *RV Tangaroa* was sub-contracted to provide the sampling services

Next steps – seismic activities expected late 2016



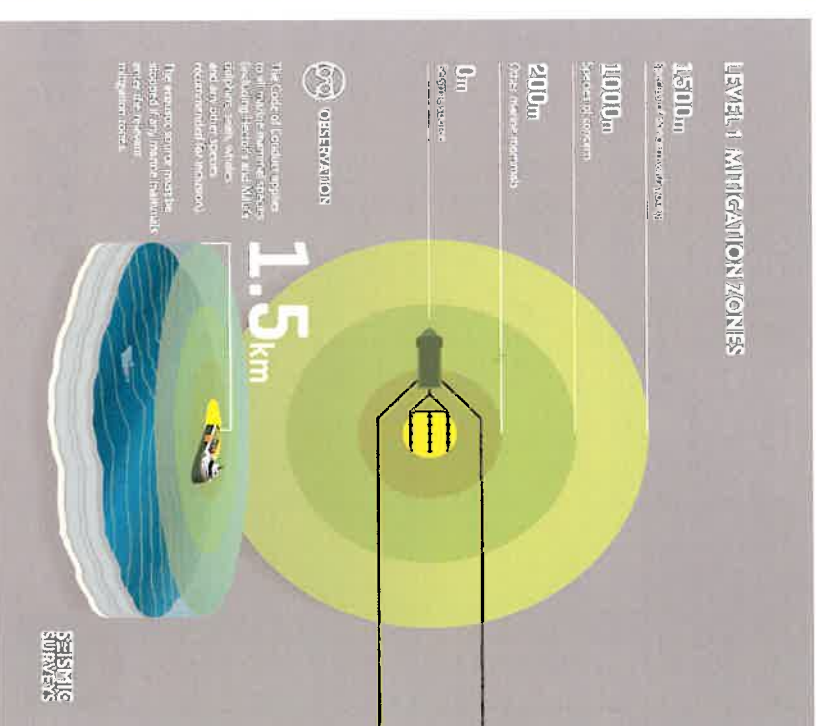
- To help assess the exploration potential of our permits, we will secure data via a multi-client seismic survey expected to kick off late 2016
- Seismic surveys involve an acoustic source that releases bubbles of compressed air, which collapse and send out a low frequency sound wave
- This signal is reflected from the geological layers in the subsurface of the seafloor and recorded
- We are currently evaluating tenders from a number of seismic providers. The tender announcement will likely be made in June 2016
- Chevron will continue engaging key local stakeholders ahead of seismic work





Seismic activities – protecting the marine environment

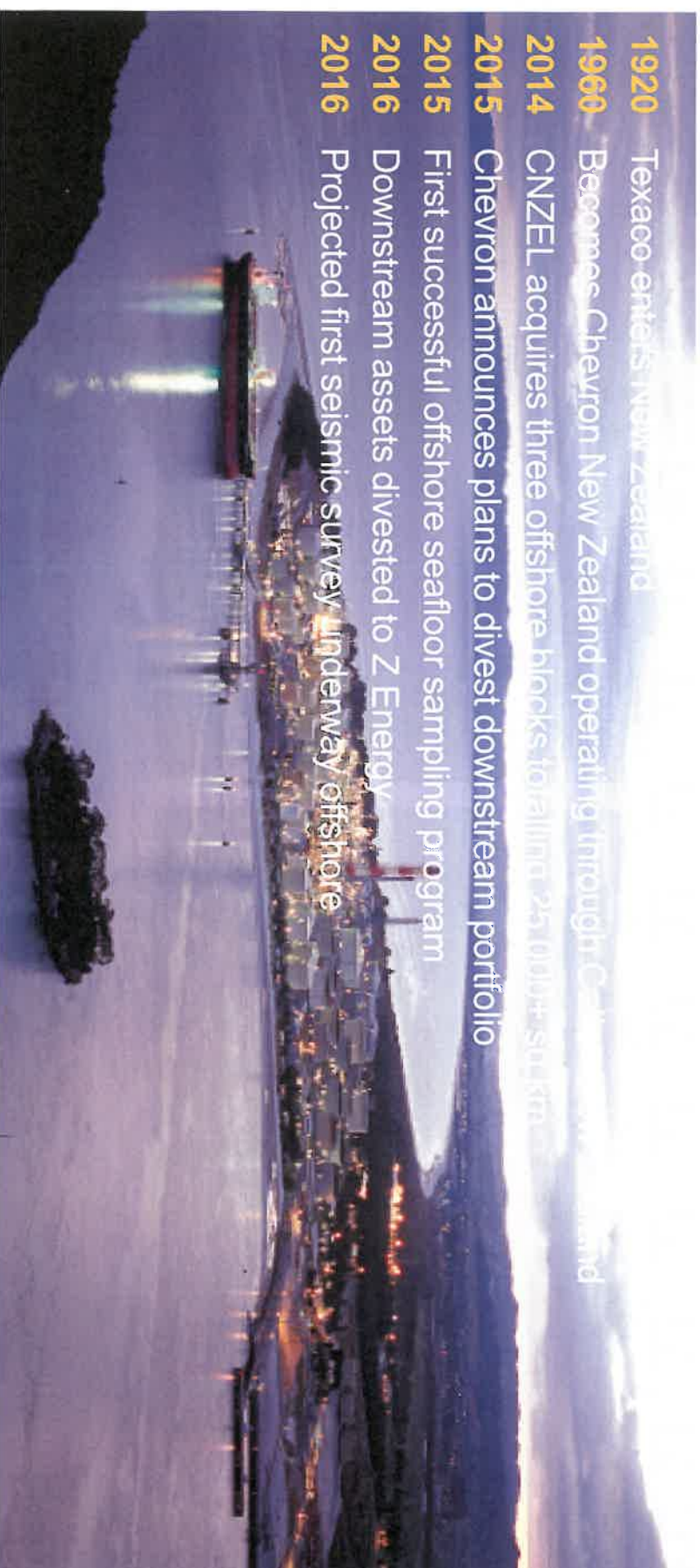
- Seismic surveys need to comply with the EEZ & Continental Shelf act (2013) permitted activities regulations. These are further governed by DOC's Seismic Code of Conduct
- The code provides effective mitigation measures for minimising any acoustic disturbance to marine mammals
- Marine Mammal Impact Assessment & Marine Mammal Mitigation Plans will be drafted and approved by DOC. EPA will monitor compliance with the Code of Conduct
- Passive Acoustic Monitoring & Marine Mammal Observation is undertaken 24 hours a day during operations & are designed to detect the presence of marine mammals
- Chevron has sponsored iwi trainees on a PEPANZ Passive Acoustic Monitoring / Marine Mammal Observation course to ensure qualified observers will be available





Solid Past, Foundation for Future Success

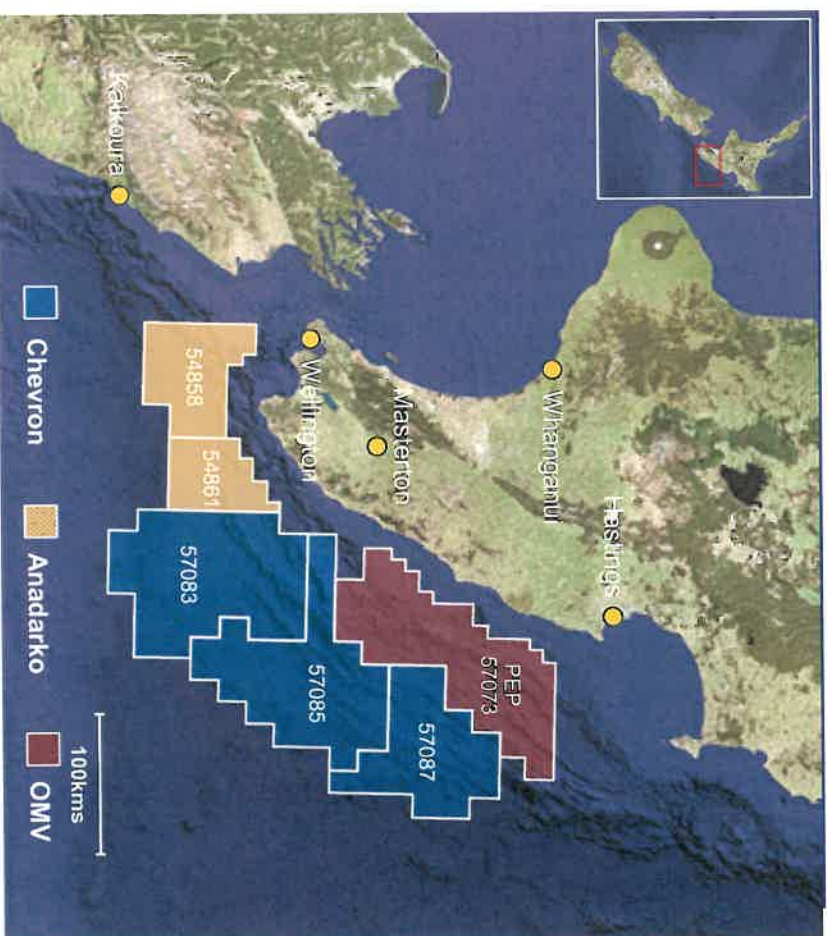
- 1920** Texaco enters New Zealand
- 1960** Becomes Chevron New Zealand operating through Caltex New Zealand
- 2014** CNZEL acquires three offshore blocks totalling 25,000+ square kilometres
- 2015** Chevron announces plans to divest downstream portfolio
- 2015** First successful offshore seafloor sampling program
- 2016** Downstream assets divested to Z Energy
- 2016** Projected first seismic survey underway offshore



Chevron New Zealand Exploration Overview



- In 2014, Chevron (operator) and Statoil were granted exploration rights to three blocks offshore New Zealand totalling 25,000+ sq.km
- The blocks are located approx. 160km off the coast of Wellington
- Water depths range from 800m to 3000m
- The leases commenced on 1 April 2015
- We will undertake a measured exploration program with an initial phase of seismic studies and first drilling expected in 2021
- After a period of geotechnical analysis and initial stakeholder engagement, first seismic activities planned for late 2016



Appendix 3 – Kevin Bargh, Correspondence

From: **Rob Bargh** rmitepare@xtra.co.nz
Subject: Fwd: RE: You have been assigned a CRM Case: CAS-120098-J1BD14 for customer: Rob Bargh CRM:0003719
Date: 27 September 2013 2:31 pm
To: Kev Kim Bargh kkbargh@gmail.com, Peter and Corrie pbargh@xtra.co.nz

This came , If you want to take it further we need to see local Tangata Whenua , Corrie should know who this is or are , and then take it from there Rob

----- Original Message -----

Subject:RE: You have been assigned a CRM Case: CAS-120098-J1BD14 for customer: Rob Bargh CRM:0003719
Date:Fri, 27 Sep 2013 14:17:22 +1200
From:Maxine Bluett <mbluett@linz.govt.nz>
To:rmitepare@xtra.co.nz <rmitepare@xtra.co.nz>

Tena korua ko Rob raua ko Kev Bargh,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the spelling of Kahutara (Kahautara).

You are correct about the name Kahautara being recorded on early maps and plans as the following depicts

ML 1251 Kahautara – 1894
ML 1297 Kahautara – 1894
ML 1459 Kahautara – 1897
ML 2110 Kahautara – 1909
ML 3494 Kahautara – 1921
ML 3644 Kahautara – 1922
NZMS1 165 Kahautara – 1953 1st Edition

NZMS13 84 Kahutara – 1960 3rd Edition
NZMS177 165 Kahutara – 1965 1st Edition
NZMS1 165 Kahutara – 1966 2nd Edition
NZMS1 165 Kahutara – 1973 3rd Edition

It appears from the maps that the name changed on the NZ Map Series 13 in 1960.

If you wish to restore the original name I would suggest that you complete a proposal to the New Zealand Geographic Board. Because Kahutara is a populated place, support for the name restoration would be required from the community and the local authority, as emergency issues and addressing standards may arise due to a spelling alteration.

Support from the local tangata whenua would also assist your proposal.

The history, origin and meaning of the name is also a requirement of the New Zealand Geographic Board. The following weblinks can assist you with your proposal.

A.W.Reeds Place names of New Zealand pg189 provides the following meaning for Kahutara – *sometimes spelt Kautara – literal meaning – “rough sowthistle”*

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/propose-a-name>

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/sites/default/files/docs/placenames/proposingaplacename/requirements-for-geographic-name-proposals.pdf>

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/placenames/about-geographic-board/nzgb-standards>