

Crown consultation with Māori

New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals (NZP&M) has a statutory responsibility to consult with iwi and hapū whose rohe (traditional area of occupation) may be directly affected by new permits.

For all tenders, including the annual Block Offer petroleum tender, we consult on the proposed release areas before the tender is opened to bids. Because of this we do not consult on any permits that may be granted as a result of the tender.

Petroleum tender consultation

We consult with iwi and hapū in proposed Block Offer tender areas to identify sensitive areas not already protected by legislation. Areas of importance to Māori identified in section 3.1 of the Petroleum Programme are also not included.

We do not include World Heritage sites, or areas listed in Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act in the Block Offer tender areas such as:

- national parks
- nature reserves
- wildlife sanctuaries; and
- marine reserves.

NZP&M provides recommendations to the Minister for each annual Block Offer following consultation. These recommendations may guide decisions of the release areas included in the Block Offer but the Minister is not bound by them.

- Read more about the current Block Offer consultation [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/permits/petroleum/block-offer/>].
- Summaries of submissions and previous Block Offer results [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/permits/petroleum/block-offer/previous/>] are also available.
- Minerals Programme for Petroleum 2013 (Minerals Programme) [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/rules-regulations/>]
- Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act [<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1991/0070/latest/DLM247378.html>] on the New Zealand Legislation website.

Mineral permits application consultation

We have an obligation under the Crown Minerals Act to consult iwi and hapū on proposed permit application areas falling within their rohe.

Relevant iwi and hapū are notified of:

- the area being considered in the permit application
- the types of activities that may take place should a permit application be granted,
- the proposed minerals

Iwi and hapū are given 20 working days (extendable to 40, if requested) to comment on any aspect of the proposal. They can request areas not be included in the tender, or for certain activities to be subject to additional requirements that recognise cultural characteristics of the area.

NZP&M provides a report to the Minister on the response received from consultation.

The Minister must take into account iwi and hapū requests to exclude areas or require additional requirements for activities before making a final decision on the areas to be included in the tender.

- [The Crown Minerals Act \[http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/rules-regulations/\]](http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/rules-regulations/)

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