

Petroleum in New Zealand

New Zealand's oil and gas industry is built on the back of early exploration and development dating back to the 1950s. The modern industry in New Zealand has a well-developed oil and gas infrastructure and a proactive globally-competitive oil and gas regime.

How petroleum forms [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/formation/>]

Petroleum is a naturally occurring mineral which consists of organic compounds called hydrocarbons.

History of petroleum [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/history/>]

Historically, New Zealand's Maori indigenous people had knowledge of oil and gas, particularly from onshore seeps on the North Island's east coast.

Phases of petroleum exploration and production [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/phases/>]

Prospecting and exploration activities aim to identify the location and size of petroleum fields and whether extracting the resource is likely to be profitable.

Prospecting [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/phases/prospecting/>]

Exploration [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/phases/exploration/>]

Production [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/phases/production/>]

Petroleum data [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/our-industry/nz-petroleum/petroleum-data/>]

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