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# YOU'RE PUTTING A STOP TO BOTTOM TRAWLING



Red Bell Jellyfish on Ningaloo Reef © Lewis Burnett / Greenpeace



Action to Stop Bottom Trawling in Nelson © Jason Blair / Greenpeace

*Bottom trawling is a destructive fishing practice where huge weighted nets are dragged over seamounts, or underwater mountains or hills, destroying ancient corals and killing rare marine life.*

Supporters like you are helping to bring this horrific fishing method to an end.

On July 30 in Nelson, activists Jess and Christine anchored their 6-metre long raft alongside a Talley's trawler, the *Amatal Atlantis*. Talley's is a New Zealand-owned fishing company that bottom trawls on seamounts, incredible underwater mountains where ocean life congregates. On their raft, Jess and Christine blocked the *Amatal Atlantis* from leaving port to carry out destructive bottom trawling. They also displayed a banner that read "Stop Bottom Trawling Seamounts".

*Sign the petition to take action to ban bottom trawling on seamounts: [greenpeace.nz/BT149](https://greenpeace.nz/BT149)*



Taking action against Talley's is necessary to protect ocean biodiversity. Every year, Talley's sends a fleet of vessels out to bottom trawl seamounts, destroying vulnerable coral habitats in the process. In the middle of the biodiversity crisis - bottom trawling seamounts is indefensible.

Seamounts are the building blocks of ocean life, forming essential breeding grounds for fish and a home for unique species. Fragile and slow growing coral live there.

When companies like Talley's drag large weighted nets over seamounts they don't just catch fish, they bulldoze through everything in their path and net huge amounts of other species.

Research shows these trawled areas may not recover in our lifetime.

## You got CAMERAS on BOATS!

*In May, we celebrated an awesome victory for ocean protection and people power. After years of delays by successive governments - and fierce opposition from the commercial fishing industry - it was finally announced that 300 commercial fishing vessels will be fitted with cameras by the end of 2024. However, while this is a great step forward, we'll keep pushing for cameras on the full fishing fleet of more than 1000 boats.*



# YOU'RE DRIVING GLOBAL OCEAN PROTECTION

*For the past few years, supporters like you have powered our campaign for a strong UN Global Ocean Treaty. Unfortunately, at the last round of negotiations in August, talks failed to reach agreement on a treaty that could deliver ocean sanctuaries across 30% of the oceans by 2030, despite significant progress being made.*

The negotiations have now been suspended, requiring a further round. But time is running out for the ocean - we urgently need a treaty that can deliver Ocean Sanctuaries that can protect 30% of the world's oceans by 2030.

About eleven million square kilometres of ocean must be protected annually between now and 2030 to protect 30% of the world's oceans in the timescale scientists say is necessary. Further delay means more ocean destruction.

On the positive side, the New Zealand Government is now supporting a far stronger version of this Treaty than they were a few years ago. That's in no small part due to your help using your voice and generosity to ensure we can keep pushing on this.

We'll continue to call on Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Foreign Affairs Minister Nanaia Mahuta to keep using their influence to persuade world leaders to keep the talks alive and finalise this vital agreement.



Ban Seabed Mining Petition Delivery in Wellington © Dave Lintott / Greenpeace

## YOU'RE PROTECTING THE SEABED FROM MINING CORPORATIONS

*On 8 June, we handed in our petition signed by over 35,000 New Zealanders like you, calling on Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern to ban seabed mining in Aotearoa.*

Kiwis Against Seabed Mining (KASM) and Greenpeace Aotearoa presented the petition to Green Party MP Eugenie Sage and Te Pāti Māori co-leader Debbie Ngarewa-Packer at Te Whare Paremata (Parliament), surrounded by iwi and volunteer groups including Ngāti Ruanui, Oceanic Voices, the Deep Sea Conservation Coalition (DSCC) and Environment & Conservation Organisations of Aotearoa New Zealand (ECO).

Seabed mining is a highly destructive industry that bulldozes the sea-floor, releasing carbon and harming the ocean and the creatures who call it home.

Over the past decade, with the support of thousands of people, we've successfully fought off attempts by Trans Tasman Resources (TTR) to mine the seabed in Aotearoa's waters - and we've won. We had to take it all the way to the Supreme Court, which quashed the 2017 Environmental Protection Authority's green light for TTR to mine the South Taranaki Bight.

Throughout this process, it has become abundantly clear that this activity cannot take place in our

waters without causing irrevocable harm. It threatens biodiversity - from the pygmy blue whales in the South Taranaki Bight to Māui dolphins and the little blue penguin - the kororā. It's time for this government to draw a line in the seabed, and ban the activity altogether. With your help, we can make it happen!

**Sign the petition for a call to ban deep sea mining: [greenpeace.nz/banDSM149](https://greenpeace.nz/banDSM149)**



James, our Seabed Mining Campaigner, handing over the Ban Seabed Mining Petition © Dave Lintott / Greenpeace





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# YOU'RE HELPING SECURE SAFE DRINKING WATER

*Everyone should be able to trust that the water from their tap is safe to drink. But synthetic nitrogen fertiliser - and the intensive dairying it enables - is causing alarmingly high levels of nitrate contamination in drinking water around Aotearoa. This endangers people's health - and it's not acceptable.*

Scientists warn that nitrate in drinking water could be causing 100 cases of bowel cancer and 40 deaths per year in New Zealand. Rural communities on bore water

are the most at risk. With your support, we've been able to continue our free community water testing programme. In July, we visited the Waikato to offer locals the chance to test nitrate contamination levels in their water.

Thanks to your generosity, we were also able to confront the fertiliser industry directly. We took an enormous

*According to StatsNZ, total synthetic nitrogen fertiliser use increased 693% between 1990 and 2019, during which time the dairy herd increased by 82% from 3.4 million cows to 6.3 million.*

banner, 1500 sq metre banner and displayed it at the Kapuni fertiliser factory in South Taranaki. Reading "Cancer Fertiliser - Cut Synthetic Nitrogen", the aim was to highlight the link between synthetic nitrogen fertiliser and health risks, as well as holding the fertiliser industry to account for the human harm it causes.

Together, we'll keep fighting to phase out synthetic nitrogen fertiliser so water is safe to drink, so we can once again swim safely in our rivers, and so we have a climate that's fit for all life. We look forward to a future where plant-based regenerative organic farming feeds Aotearoa and protects nature and our health.

Healthy water for all!

*If you haven't already, sign the petition to take action to transform agriculture: [greenpeace.nz/nitratelimits149](https://greenpeace.nz/nitratelimits149)*



*The Kapuni fertiliser factory is owned by Ballance Agri-Nutrients and is the only local manufacturer of synthetic nitrogen fertiliser, which is made using fossil gas. Two fertiliser companies, Ballance and Ravensdown (which imports the chemical), are responsible for*

**98% of the country's synthetic nitrogen fertiliser supply.**

*The dairy industry uses 67% of New Zealand's synthetic nitrogen.*





Ban the Bottle Petition Delivery in Wellington, © Dave Lintott / Greenpeace

# YOU'RE TAKING ACTION ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

*Have you been to the supermarket lately and noticed something a little different about Coca-Cola bottles?*

That's because some incredible supporters have been out and about helping us spread the word about Coca Cola being the number one plastic polluter.

In June, we also delivered our 100,000-strong petition asking the Government to ban single-use bottles to parliament. If you were one of the many New Zealanders that signed this petition, thank you!

We took "Birdie", our giant toroa sculpture made of reclaimed plastic bottles, in honour of the memory of the toroa that was found in Nelson starving to death from swallowing a plastic bottle. Your support means we can continue calling on the Government to ban single-use plastic bottles and incentivise reusable and refillable alternatives.

**Sign the petition to ban single use plastic bottles here:**  
[greenpeace.nz/banbottles149](https://greenpeace.nz/banbottles149)



Juressa, our Plastics Campaigner, handing over the Ban the Bottle Petition © Dave Lintott / Greenpeace



Ban the Bottle campaign © Greenpeace

# FROM CLIMATE DENIAL TO GREENWASHING

by Russel Norman | 2 August 2022



*I have spent decades of my life as a climate activist fighting various deliberate forms of climate science denial propagated by climate polluting companies and their allied political parties, politicians, lobby groups and commentators.*

The good news is that we have mostly won that battle. The bad news is that they have a new tactic, greenwashing, which is now a major obstacle to progress on climate change. Greenwashing is when businesses or politicians give a false impression, or spin, on their products or policies to give the impression that they have a positive impact on the environment when they don't. We now face a new landscape in which even oil companies claim to be doing their bit for the climate with "carbon offsets" and "2050 net zero goals". Their aim is to stop real action on climate by making people think it is all under control.

One of the jobs of the government is to sort out the real climate actions from the greenwashing, to hold industry to account. And of course, one of the jobs of the government is to not engage in greenwashing themselves. The problem with some of the actions of the current government is that rather than holding business to account for its greenwashing, on some vital climate issues the government is actually a proponent of greenwashing [...] But why is greenwashing the biggest challenge the climate movement faces at the moment. How did we get here?

## Goals remain unchanged, but tactics evolve

As I mentioned above, the first thing to understand is that climate policy is unavoidably and irrevocably

conflictual, and hence political. That is because on the one hand the enduring overarching goal of big climate polluters in the fossil fuel business and industrial agribusiness is to prevent government regulations that will force them to cut their climate emissions. While on the other hand the climate movement aims for emission cuts to achieve a stable climate. This is a fundamental conflict globally, and in Aotearoa, and no amount of pseudo consensus can wish this conflict away [...]

## Government greenwashes the biggest polluter: Agribusiness

Which brings us to the problem with the current New Zealand Government climate policy. Climate policy in this country mostly boils down to what you are doing about agribusiness emissions (biogenic agriculture emissions alone are about 50% of emissions) and transport (20%). The rest matters too but if you aren't tackling these two then you aren't tackling climate change. Transport policy has not been great from a climate perspective but here I want to focus on the bigger problem – agribusiness – particularly intensive dairy [...]

## The Glasgow Target

The decisions by this government not to cut agribusiness emissions created cascading international problems of perception for the New Zealand Government when it was required to offer a new target for emissions reductions at the Glasgow climate conference in November 2021 [...]

Winning the debate on real climate action is the only way to ensure it sticks, and greenwashing undermines that public campaigning [...]

To read the full article, go to: <https://www.greenpeace.org/aotearoa/story/from-climate-denial-to-greenwashing/>







## UK

### BAN on bottom trawling

UK bans bottom trawling in North Sea's Dogger Bank MPA and 3 other UK offshore MPAs.

This win was the direct result of Greenpeace's campaigning. In September 2020, Greenpeace dropped boulders on the ocean floor to obstruct trawling activities. This drove the issue into national conversation and forced the UK Government to take our demands seriously. The New Zealand Government needs to follow suit!



## SOUTH AFRICA

### Shell STOPPED

Due to fierce opposition, Shell will not be allowed to conduct seismic blasting off the Wild Coast in South Africa. The High Court in Makhanda ruled that Shell's exploration right to conduct seismic surveys on the Wild Coast of South Africa was granted unlawfully and therefore set it aside.

This judgment is a monumental victory for the planet, won by Wild Coast communities.

Protest against Shell's Seismic Blasting Plans in South Africa © Greenpeace / Fixerfilm



Climate Action on Coal, Australia © Richard Green / Greenpeace

## AUSTRALIA

### Significant WIN on coal

Energy giant AGL, Australia's biggest climate polluter, ditched its planned demerger that was designed only to prolong the lifespan of polluting coal.

Greenpeace Australia Pacific ran a sophisticated corporate campaign against this demerger plan. This result has made huge strides towards AGL closing its coal power stations early and transitioning towards renewable energy.

GreenDay Plastic-Free Picnic Event in Taiwan © Chong Kok Yew / Greenpeace



## TAIPEI

### Plastic VICTORY

From December 2022, disposable plastic cups will be restricted at Taipei beverage shops. That's heaps of unnecessary single-use plastic that will be saved from landfill and entering the environment!

Now the New Zealand Government needs to step up and ban single-use plastic bottles.

## How you enable COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS

With your support, we're able to host awesome grassroots campaigns on our platform, Greenpeace Community. This is petition platform for environmental campaigns based in Aotearoa where Greenpeace supporters and the public can lead grassroots change for the health of Papatūānuku.

Visit [community.greenpeace.org.nz](https://community.greenpeace.org.nz) to check out the current campaigns - or learn about setting up your own!



# GLOBAL VICTORIES

*Not only are you acting as a voice for nature around Aotearoa...you're also helping our global campaigns!*

*Here are some victories from across the global Greenpeace community that you're a part of.*

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