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Tēnā korua,

URGENT REQUEST TO REVERT TO A STANDARD LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

We are writing to you in your capacity as Chairs of the Business Committee and the Environment Committee respectively ahead of the Environment Committee's consideration of the Crown Minerals (Petroleum) Amendment Bill.

We are writing to urgently request that once this Bill is referred to the Environment Committee that you:

- (a) transfer the consideration of this Bill to Economic Development, Science and Innovation Committee, being that the Standing Orders (188) state that Crown minerals are a specific subject area of that committee or at the very least (as noted last night by the Deputy Speaker) seek the opinion from that Committee in accordance with Standing Orders (293);
- (b) ask the Business Committee to extend the truncated 4 week report back period to a more standard 4-6 month select committee process, noting that the stated reasoning for the truncated process (to allow the 2018 Block Offer to proceed in early 2019) is not something that the industry want meaning that there should be no reason for such urgency;
- (c) ensure that the relevant Select Committee holds public hearings in New Plymouth, given that Taranaki is the home of the oil and gas industry in New Zealand and the region most directly affected by these changes.

The voices of Taranaki's workers and businesses need to be heard in person. They face an uncertain future since the Government's announcement and deserve the chance to be heard by legislators, especially in light of the regulatory impact of these changes.

For many workers and their families it would be difficult and expensive to visit Wellington for the purpose of making a submission, especially which such a rushed process. In the interests of fairness, democracy and natural justice it seems only right for at least some of the hearings to be held in the region most affected by this policy and that a more standard 4-6 month select committee process is adopted.

We understand this will require a vote of each of your committees at the relevant time, and we hope you will support such a motion.



As always, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in person at your convenience to discuss this proposal or any other issues.

Please feel free to contact me at any time on 021 674 671 or at cameron.madgwick@pepanz.com.

Nāku i runga i aku mihi ki a koe

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'C. Madgwick', written in a cursive style.

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