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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Horizon Research survey of 1,308 New Zealanders aged 18+, between 12:26 pm on 13 April 2013 and 10:30am on 15 April 2013, finds:

- Overall, 51.4% oppose a proposed new law which would make some currently lawful protest activities against petroleum and minerals activities at sea unlawful
- Support for the law change is 30.5% while the remainder are neutral or undecided.

The changes were introduced to the Crown Minerals (Permitting and Crown Land) Amendment Bill 2012 in Supplementary Order Paper No 205 (SOP No 205). The proposals contained in SOP No. 205 were first outlined in a media release on 31 March 2013 and the Supplementary Order Paper itself was released on 2 April 2013 by Hon Simon Bridges – Minister of Energy and Resources. Meeting as a Committee of the Whole on April 11, the changes won support by 61 votes to 59 in the Parliament. The bill is now set down for its final reading on Parliament’s next sitting day, Tuesday April 16, 2013.

The Horizon survey finds

- 49% of respondent were not aware and 51% were aware of the proposed law changes before doing the survey
- Overall, 60% think the law change process has been undertaken too quickly, and
- **52.3% believe the bill should be sent back to the Select Committee.** A majority of those who support parties who voted for the change think that the bill should be sent back to the Select Committee
- **Overall, 79% support either sending the bill back to the Select Committee or withdrawing it entirely.**

Q7. Thinking about the proposed law change, which of the following actions would you support?	TOTAL	Supporters of:	
		Parties who voted for the SOP	Parties who voted against the SOP
The bill should become law immediately	20.1%	37.1%	6.0%
The bill should be sent back to select committee for more thorough scrutiny and public submissions	52.3%	51.6%	52.2%
The bill should be withdrawn and not passed into law	29.7%	13.5%	42.2%
Something else should happen	7.3%	2.0%	7.4%

Support and opposition to the changes proposed to the bill are strongly aligned to support for political parties. Support comes primarily from those who support the parties that voted for the changes; opposition largely from those who support the parties who voted against the changes.

**Overall, however, a majority of respondents, regardless of their political alignment, believe the bill should now go back to the Select Committee for more thorough scrutiny and public submissions.**

There is general acknowledgement that many important environmental protection initiatives arose from protests at sea, including the moratorium on commercial whaling, the bans on dumping nuclear waste at sea and on using of driftnets, New Zealand's nuclear free status and the end of French atmospheric nuclear tests in the Pacific. While that acknowledgement is stronger among the opposition, a majority of supporters of the change feel that way as well.

Opinion on the harshness or otherwise of the change and associated penalties is again politically aligned.

There is also an indication that more discussion and better information about the change may lead to people being less neutral about it. While support remained a minority overall, respondents were a little more supportive at the end of the survey than at the beginning. Similarly, more opposed the change at the end of the survey than at the beginning.

## **REPORT**

Greenpeace New Zealand commissioned this research study to ascertain adult New Zealanders' perceptions regarding the Crown Minerals (Permitting and Crown Land) Amendment Bill 2012 Supplementary Order Paper No 205 (SOP No 205). The proposals contained in SOP No. 205 were first outlined in a media release on 31 March 2013 and the Supplementary Order Paper itself was released on 2 April 2013 by the Hon Simon Bridges, Minister of Energy and Resources.

At the start of the survey, respondents were given some background to the proposed changes to the bill contained in SOP No 205. The background included the reasons for the change advanced by the Minister and the position of those who oppose the change.

### **1. Awareness of proposed changes to the Crown Minerals Bill**

51% of respondents said that they were aware of the proposed changes to the Crown Minerals Bill as outlined in SOP No 205 prior to being asked about them in the survey. 49% were not aware of the proposals.

Respondents aged 45 years or more were twice as likely to be aware of the proposals as those aged less than 45 years.

From a political party support perspective, supporters of the parties who have voted for SOP No 205 so far were more aware of the proposals than supporters of the parties who voted against the SOP.

### **2. Initial reaction to proposed changes to the Crown Minerals Bill**

Respondents were asked for their initial reaction in terms of support for the proposed changes to the Bill.

Overall, 27.4% supported the changes, 16.5% were neutral and 49.6% opposed the changes. 6.6% were not sure.

Reasons for support and opposition are available for the Horizon Research analysis system.

Among those who voted at the 2011 general election for parties whose MPs voted for the SOP on April 11 there was 52.9% support for the proposed new law. Parties which voted for it were National, Act, United Future.

Among those who voted at the 2011 general election for parties whose MPs voted against the SOP, 76.2% opposed the proposed new law.

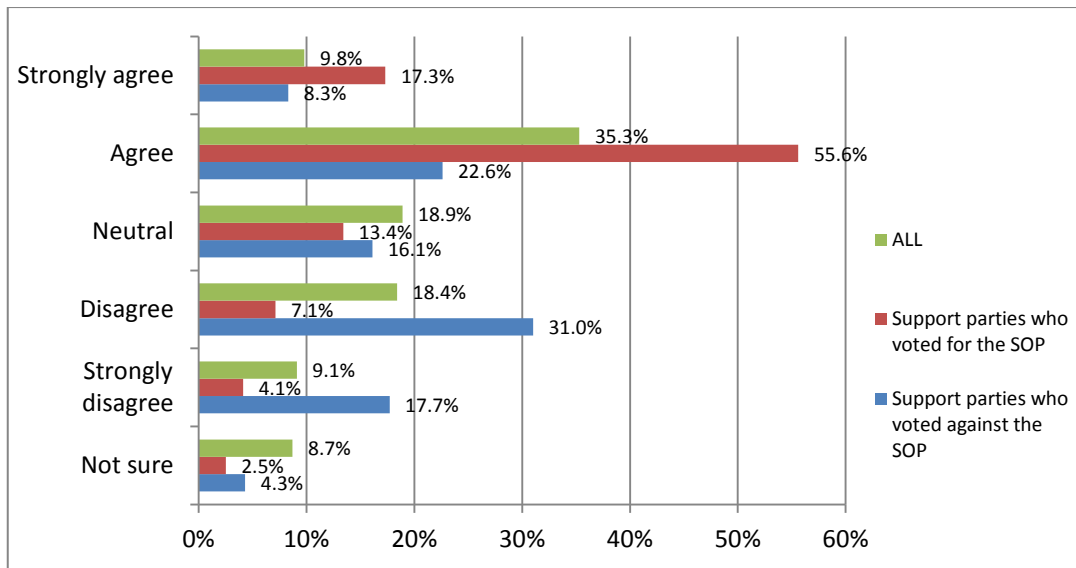
Q2. We would like to get your initial reaction to this proposed new law. Overall, do you support or oppose the proposed new law which would make some currently lawful protest activities against petroleum and minerals activities at sea unlawful?	TOTAL	Supporters of:	
		Parties who voted for the SOP	Parties who voted against the SOP
Strongly support	8.3%	17.3%	2.8%
Support	19.1%	35.6%	10.8%
Neutral	16.5%	15.8%	6.8%
Oppose	15.7%	15.4%	16.5%
Strongly oppose	33.9%	12.7%	59.7%
Not sure	6.6%	3.1%	3.3%
Total support	27.4%	52.9%	13.6%
Total oppose	49.6%	28.1%	76.2%

### 3. Agreement with views on the proposed changes

Respondents were presented with a range of statements about the proposed changes and asked how strongly they agreed or disagreed with them. Analysis for each statement is shown below, showing the overall result (which includes people who did not vote in the 2011 general election) and

#### 3.1 The changes will protect the rights of the petroleum and minerals industry to operate safely and effectively

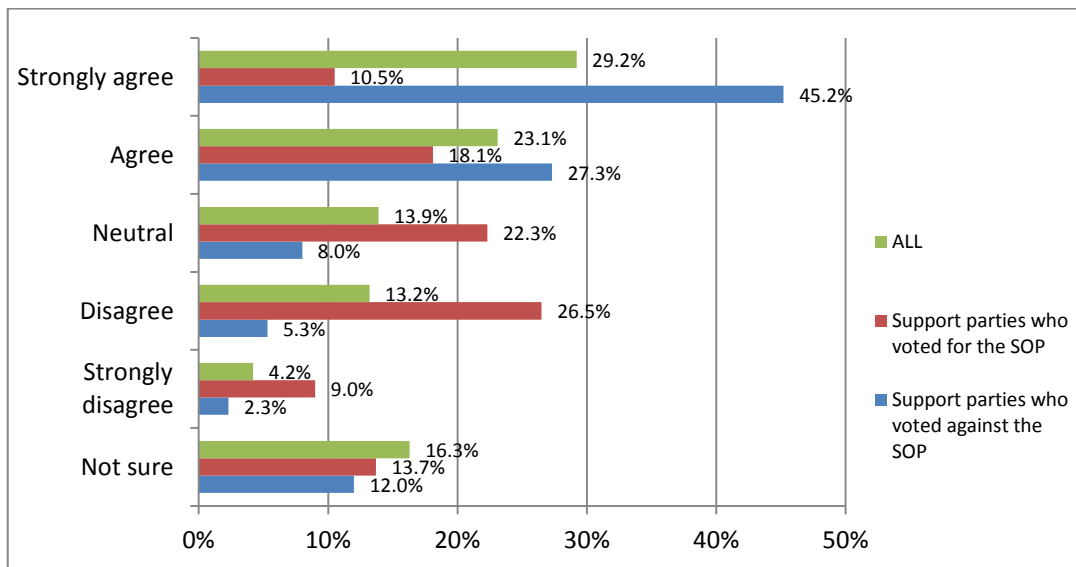
Overall, 44.1% agree with this statement, 18.9% are neutral and 27.5% disagree.



### 3.2 The changes will breach international law providing for legitimate and peaceful protest at sea

Overall, 52.3% agree with this statement, 13.9% are neutral and 17.4% disagree.

Agreement is lower among those who support parties that voted for SOP No 205: 38.5% agree with the statement, 22.3% are neutral and 37.5% disagree.

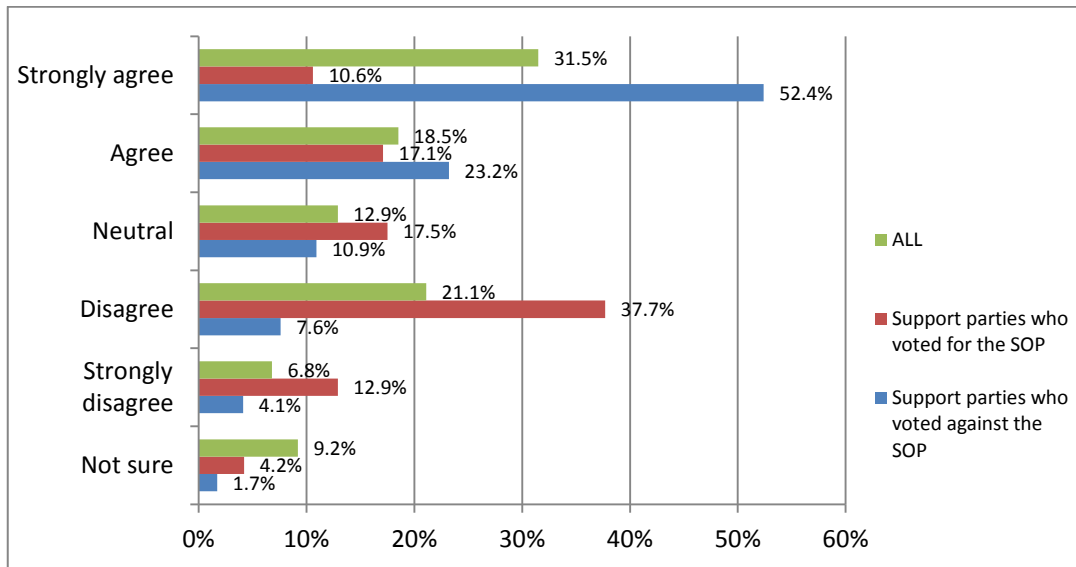


39.9% of those who strongly agree that the changes will protect the rights of the petroleum and minerals industry to operate safely and effectively also agree that the changes will breach international law providing for legitimate and peaceful protest at sea.

### 3.3 I feel the changes go too far

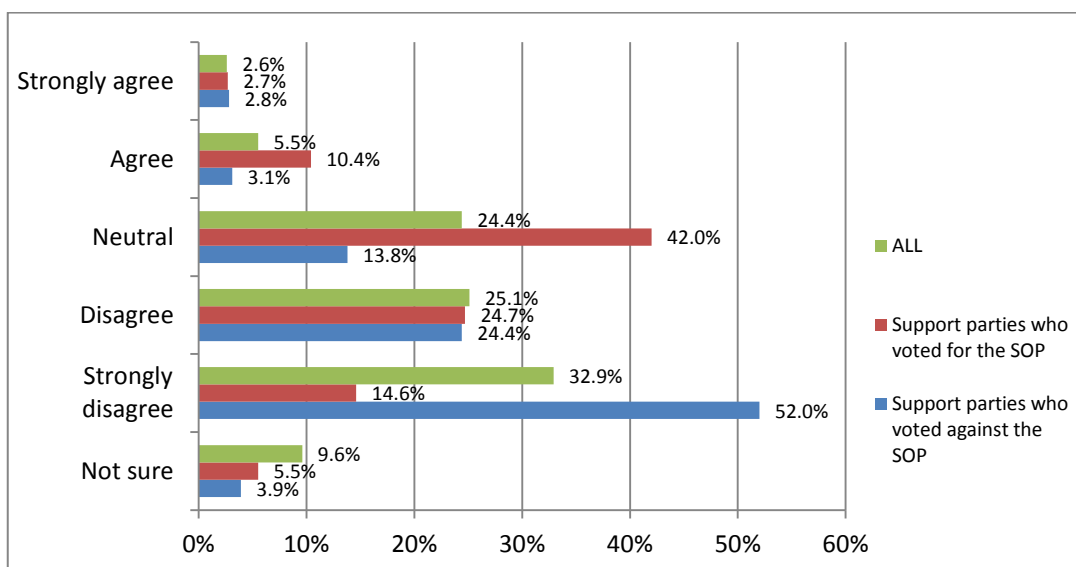
Overall, 50.0% agree with this statement, 12.9% are neutral and 27.9% disagree.

Agreement and disagreement is strongly aligned with political support. Whereas 75.6% of respondents who support parties that voted against SOP No 205 agree that the changes go too far, only 27.6% of those who support parties that voted for the SOP agree, with 48.6% disagreeing.



### 3.4 I feel the changes do not go far enough

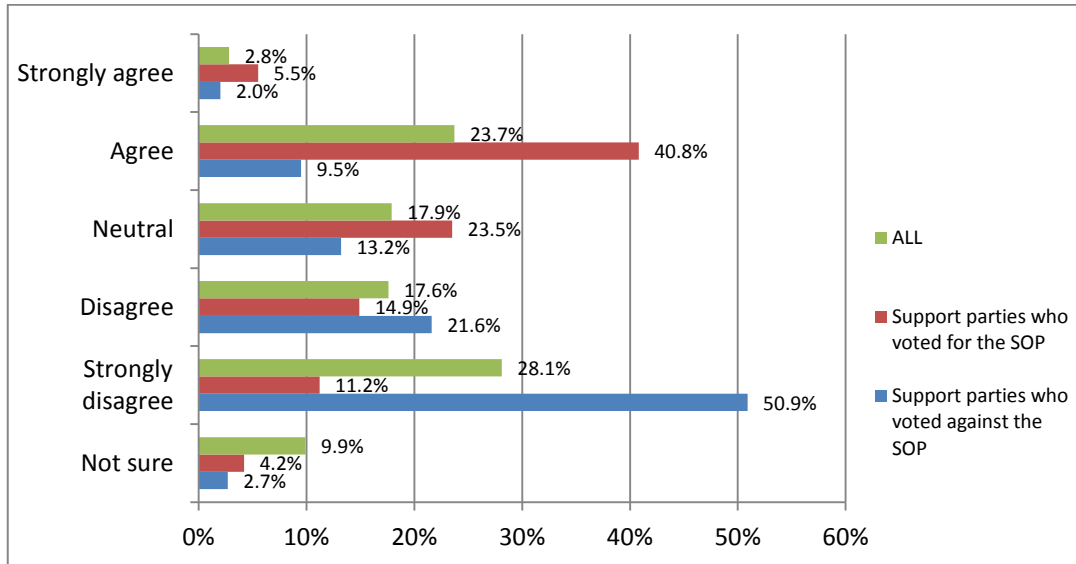
Only a minority – 7.8% - agree that the changes do not go far enough.





### 3.5 I feel the changes are about right

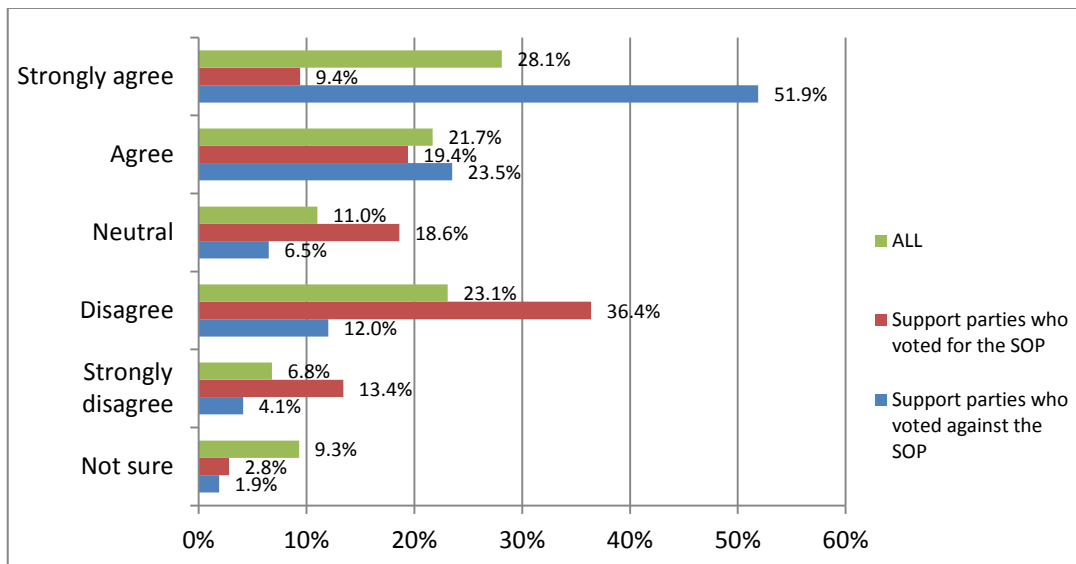
26.5% agree that the changes are about right, although the level among those who support parties who voted for SOP No 205 is 46.3%. 45.7% overall disagree and 17.6% are neutral.



### 3.6 I am uncomfortable about the proposed changes

Overall, 49.8% agree with this statement, 11.0% are neutral and 29.9% disagree.

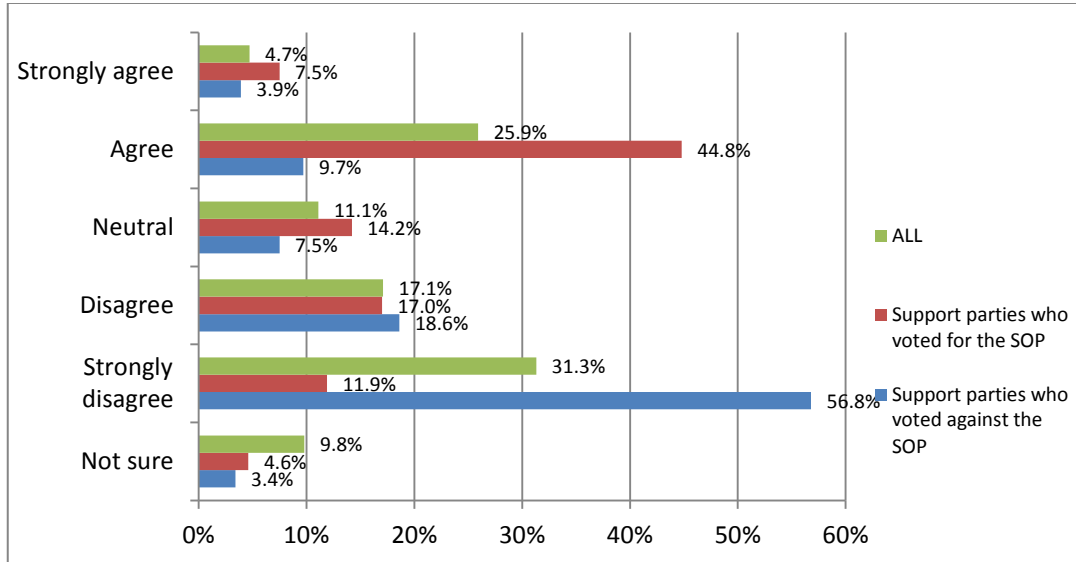
Again, agreement and disagreement is strongly aligned with political support.



### 3.6 I feel comfortable about the proposed changes

Overall, 30.6% agree with this statement, 11.1% are neutral and 48.4% disagree.

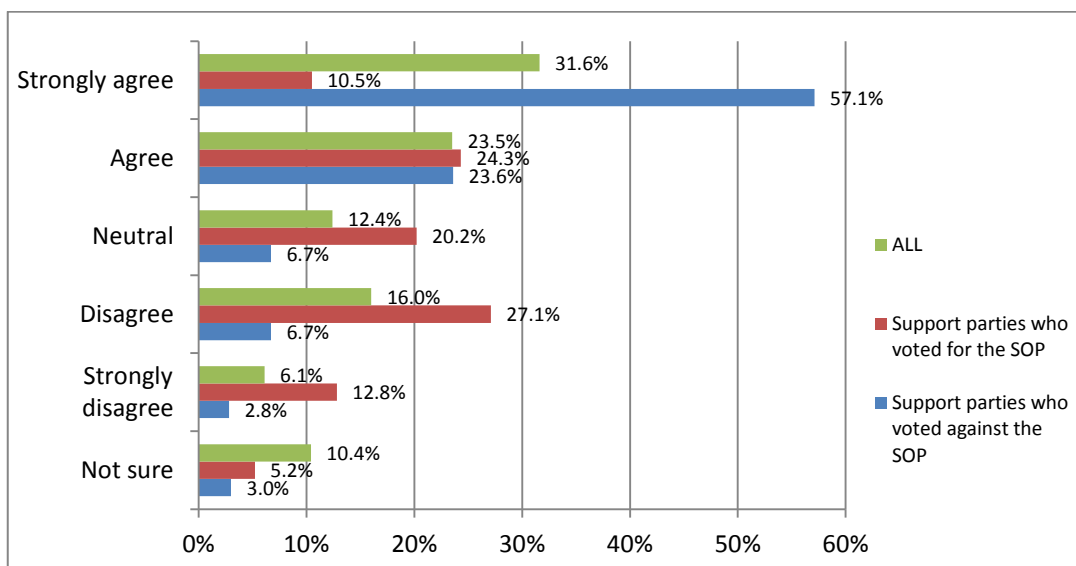
Again, agreement and disagreement is strongly aligned with political support.



### 3.7 The proposed changes undermine New Zealand's long tradition of protesting at sea

Overall, 55.1% agree with this statement, 12.4% are neutral and 22.1% disagree.

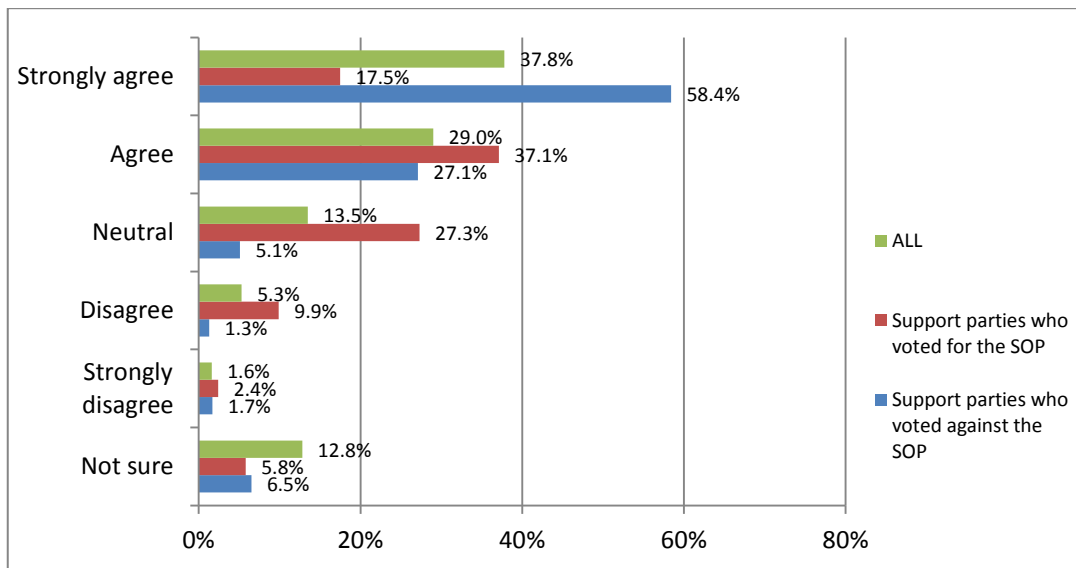
80.7% of respondents who support parties that voted against SOP No 205 agree with the statement. Among those who support parties that voted for the SOP, 34.8% agree with the statement and 39.9% disagree.



**3.8 Many important environmental protection initiatives arose from protests at sea, including the moratorium on commercial whaling, the bans on dumping nuclear waste at sea and on using of driftnets, New Zealand's nuclear free status and the end of French atmospheric nuclear tests in the Pacific**

Overall, 66.8% agree with this statement, 13.5% are neutral and 6.9% disagree.

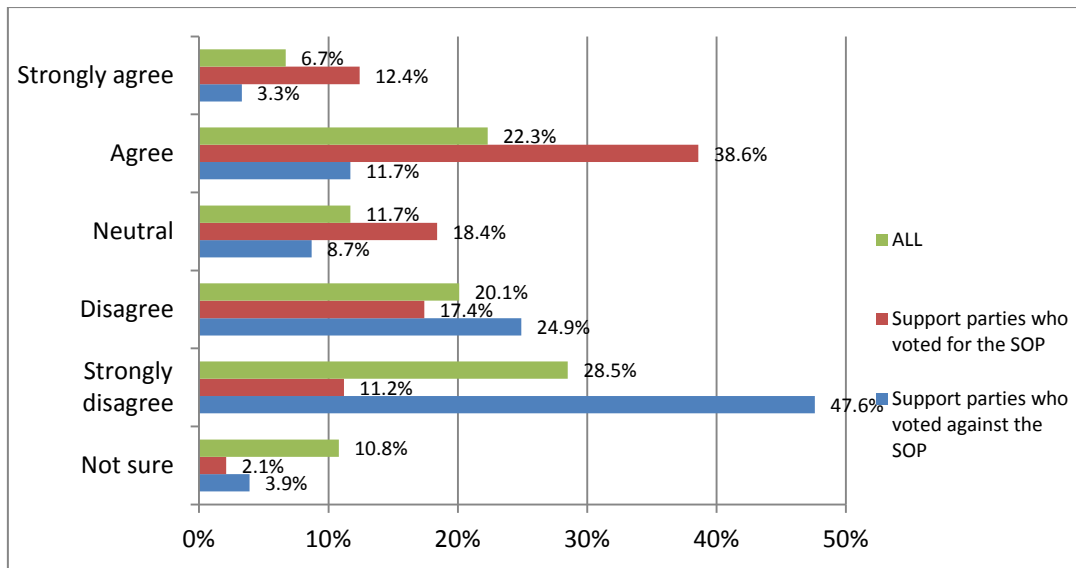
54.5% of respondents who support parties that voted for SOP No 205 agree with the statement. In this group, 27.3% are neutral and 12.3% disagree, indicating that this argument may be acceptable to this group.



**3.9 The proposed changes are needed to encourage companies to explore and exploit its offshore gas, oil and other resources**

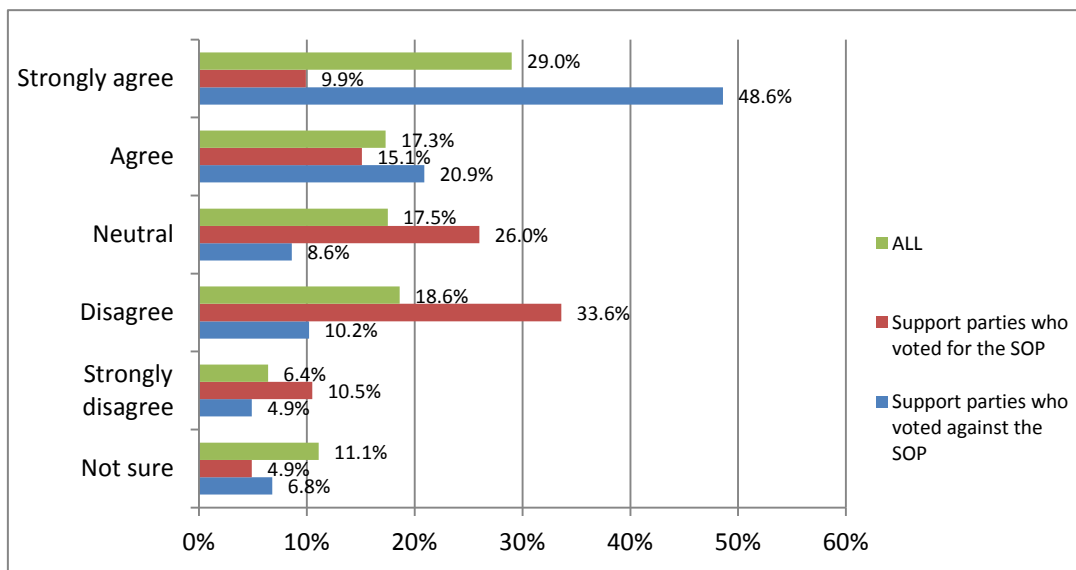
Overall, 29.0% agree with this statement, 11.7% are neutral and 48.6% disagree.

51.0% of respondents who support parties that voted for SOP No 205 agree with the statement.



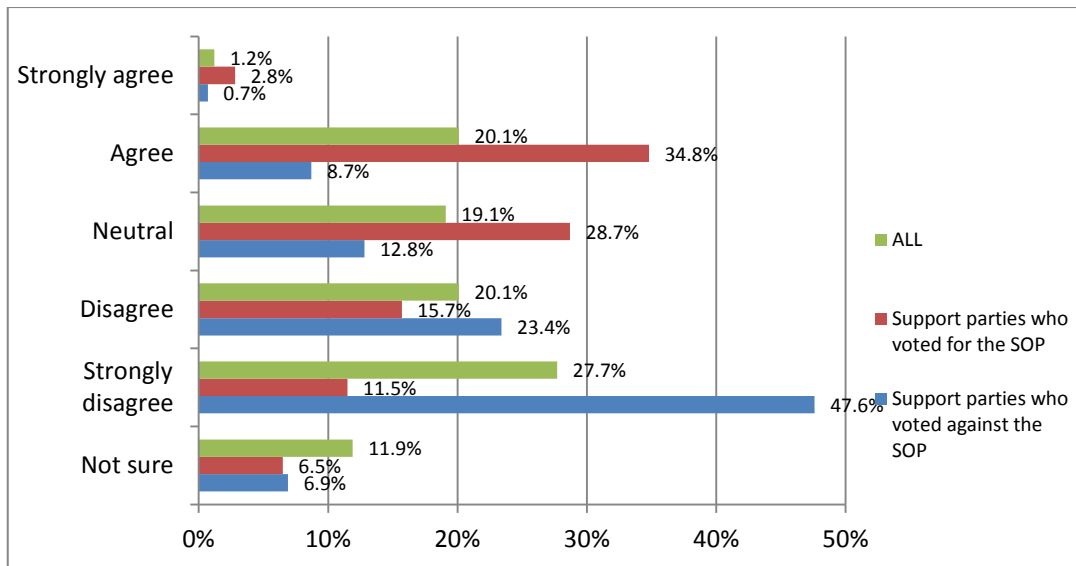
### 3.10 The proposed penalties are too harsh

Overall, 46.3% agree with this statement, 17.5% are neutral and 25.0% disagree.



### 3.11 The proposed penalties are about right

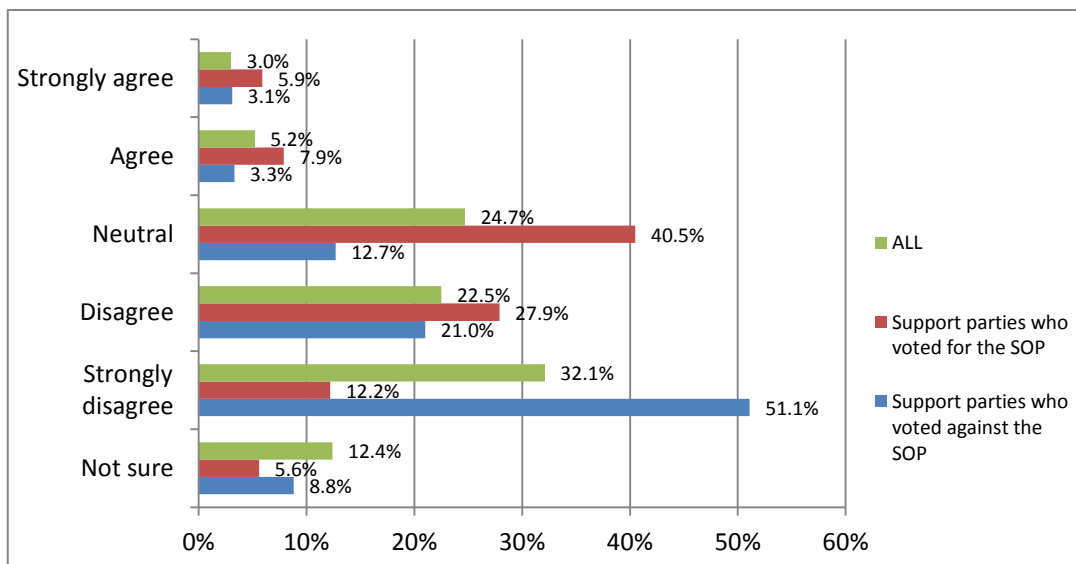
Overall, 21.3% agree with this statement, 19.1% are neutral and 47.8% disagree.



### 3.12 The proposed penalties are not harsh enough

Overall, 8.2% agree with this statement, 24.7% are neutral and 54.6% disagree.

Note that among those who support parties who voted for the change, only 13.8 think that the penalties are not harsh enough.



## 4. Law change process

60% think the proposed changes are being considered too quickly. This includes 40% of those who support the parties who voted for the change.

Q5. Do you think the proposed changes of law on protests at sea are being considered...	TOTAL	Supporters of:	
		Parties who voted for the SOP	Parties who voted against the SOP
Too quickly	60.0%	40.0%	82.5%
At about the right speed	21.8%	43.4%	9.5%
Too slowly	4.0%	6.5%	1.6%
Not sure	14.3%	10.0%	6.4%

Reasons for respondents' position on this question are available from the Horizon Research analysis system.

## 5. Support for next steps

Respondents were given a range of potential actions as next steps in the process and asked which they supported. 52.3% believe it should be sent back to the Select Committee. **Note that a majority of those who support parties who voted for the change think that the bill should be sent back to the Select Committee.**

Overall, 79% support either sending the bill back to the Select Committee or withdrawing it entirely.

Q7. Thinking about the proposed law change, which of the following actions would you support?	TOTAL	Supporters of:	
		Parties who voted for the SOP	Parties who voted against the SOP
The bill should become law immediately	20.1%	37.1%	6.0%
The bill should be sent back to select committee for more thorough scrutiny and public submissions	52.3%	51.6%	52.2%
The bill should be withdrawn and not passed into law	29.7%	13.5%	42.2%
Something else should happen	7.3%	2.0%	7.4%

## 6. Final reaction

At the end of the survey, respondents were asked again whether they supported the proposed change or not. After having time to consider some of the issues, overall support increased from 27.4% to 30.5%. Overall opposition increased from 49.6% to 51.4%.

Q8. Finally, having considered the issues raised in all the questions in this survey, overall, do you support or oppose the proposed new law which would make some currently lawful protest activities against petroleum and minerals activities at sea unlawful?	Final Opinion	Initial Reaction
Strongly support	7.6%	8.3%
Support	22.9%	19.1%
Neutral	9.4%	16.5%
Oppose	16.1%	15.7%
Strongly oppose	35.3%	33.9%
Not sure	8.7%	6.6%

## APPENDIX 1 – SAMPLE

### Sample

1308 members of the HorizonPoll National Panel responded to the survey between 12:26pm on 13 April 2013 and 10:30am on 15 April 2013.

The sample is weighted on age, gender, ethnicity, highest qualification, employment status and, to ensure that it is balanced for political support, by party vote in the 2011 election. It has a maximum margin of error at a 95% confidence level of +/- 2.8% overall.

### Respondent comments

All comments from respondents are captured as entered by respondents and are available from the Horizon Research system.

### Contact

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## APPENDIX 2 – TABLES BY PARTY VOTE 2011

<b>Q1. Were you aware of these proposed changes before opening this survey?</b>				
Multichoice - Single Answer Only				
<b>A. Yes</b>				
<b>B. No</b>				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
ALL	1312	49.9%	50.1%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>				
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	50.4%	49.6%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	59.1%	40.9%	100.0%
Green Party	6.9%	69.6%	30.4%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.5%	50.7%	49.3%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.1%	44.5%	55.5%	100.0%
Maori Party	0.9%	23.3%	76.7%	100.0%
National Party	30.2%	63.5%	36.5%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.2%	67.3%	32.7%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	60.5%	39.5%	100.0%
Other party	0.3%	100.0%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.2%	27.7%	72.3%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.0%	17.2%	82.8%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.8%	27.2%	72.8%	100.0%

**Q2. We would like to get your initial reaction to this proposed new law. Overall, do you support or oppose the proposed new law which would make some currently lawful protest activities against petroleum and minerals activities at sea unlawful?**

Multichoice - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly support
- B.** Support
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Oppose
- E.** Strongly oppose
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1312	8.2%	19.1%	16.4%	15.7%	33.9%	6.6%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	43.0%	7.4%		45.5%	8.9%		100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	8.1%	26.4%	3.9%	13.8%	76.1%	2.8%	100.0%
Green Party	6.9%	0.6%	2.7%	3.9%		100.0%		100.0%
Labour Party	17.5%	2.7%	12.5%	8.6%	2.7%	65.9%		100.0%
Mana Party	1.1%				10.5%	21.7%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.9%	3.1%	21.9%	6.4%	15.1%	12.7%	3.2%	100.0%
National Party	30.2%	16.8%	36.2%	16.0%	15.0%	12.8%	3.2%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.2%	7.6%	17.9%	6.4%	12.8%	5.1%		100.0%
Other party	0.3%	4.0%	57.4%		12.6%	26.0%		100.0%
United Future	0.3%	23.4%	32.0%	26.7%	6.1%	21.7%	27.6%	100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.2%	5.3%	21.2%	18.1%	18.7%	31.0%	12.0%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.0%	2.6%		13.5%	24.3%	47.0%	12.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.8%	5.9%	10.8%	51.1%	17.6%	54.2%	4.4%	100.0%

**How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following views about the proposed new law to restrict protests at sea against permitted petroleum and minerals activities?**

**Q4.1. The changes will protect the rights of the petroleum and minerals industry to operate safely and effectively**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1204	9.8%	35.2%	19.0%	18.3%	9.0%	8.7%	100.0%
PARTY VOTE 2011								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	60.2%	26.9%	11.0%	1.9%			100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	17.2%	31.8%	12.3%	45.2%	17.3%	5.5%	100.0%
Green Party	7.6%	6.8%	12.8%	12.4%	30.7%	23.1%		100.0%
Labour Party	17.9%	8.7%	25.3%	14.7%		5.2%		100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	1.5%	4.6%	40.1%	7.1%	4.3%	2.6%	100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	4.1%	33.9%	56.8%	16.3%	23.8%		100.0%
National Party	30.4%	16.4%	56.0%	13.5%	4.5%			100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.4%	11.7%	31.2%	16.9%	4.8%			100.0%
United Future	0.3%	14.9%	76.2%	4.3%	15.5%		5.6%	100.0%
Other party	0.2%	15.4%	79.7%		10.1%	10.9%	25.6%	100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.2%	3.8%	39.8%	9.8%	30.3%	3.4%	5.1%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.3%		30.0%	48.8%	7.2%	6.0%	33.2%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.2%	0.7%	18.0%	34.8%	29.7%	16.4%	5.4%	100.0%

**Q4.2. The changes will breach international law providing for legitimate and peaceful protest at sea**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1215	29.3%	23.1%	13.8%	13.1%	4.2%	16.4%	100.0 %
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	9.9%	27.7%	3.1%	14.2%	34.5%	10.5%	100.0 %
Conservative	1.7%	33.7%	17.5%	15.1%	0.6%	2.5%	18.5%	100.0 %
Green Party	7.8%	50.8%	24.4%	3.1%			9.9%	100.0 %
Labour Party	18.1%	44.5%	27.8%	10.1%	1.3%	4.1%	8.3%	100.0 %
Mana Party	1.2%	49.6%	40.5%		26.3%	8.4%	13.9%	100.0 %
Maori Party	0.8%	52.0%	24.3%	9.9%	10.0%	4.5%	12.4%	100.0 %
National Party	30.8%	10.5%	17.7%	22.9%	29.6%	12.8%	11.5%	100.0 %
New Zealand First Party	4.5%	35.9%	27.9%	9.4%		4.8%	70.6%	100.0 %
United Future	0.3%	10.3%	33.2%	2.8%			5.6%	100.0 %
Other party	0.2%	20.3%	4.3%		11.5%	3.2%	39.8%	100.0 %
Chose not to vote	10.1%	13.2%	16.0%	16.4%	18.8%	5.7%	9.2%	100.0 %
Was not eligible to vote	8.4%	66.9%	24.7%	2.9%	13.8%		34.9%	100.0 %
Don't know or can't remember	8.3%	23.3%	17.0%	10.9%	6.6%	1.8%	9.3%	100.0 %

**Q4.3. I feel the changes go too far**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
ALL	1219	31.4%	18.6%	12.8%	21.0%	6.9%	9.2%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	19.7%	2.6%	26.9%	23.1%	27.6%		100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	37.5%	19.4%	1.0%	27.9%	8.3%	6.0%	100.0%
Green Party	7.6%	59.5%	24.7%	3.4%	6.0%	2.6%	3.9%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.8%	48.8%	23.5%	14.0%	8.1%	4.3%	1.4%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	59.5%	40.5%					100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	76.3%	9.9%	8.4%	5.4%			100.0%
National Party	30.9%	10.2%	17.3%	17.2%	38.0%	12.8%	4.4%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.4%	46.6%	18.4%	14.6%	11.2%	8.9%	0.2%	100.0%
Other party	0.2%	19.7%	4.9%		70.6%	4.8%		100.0%
United Future	0.3%	31.3%	26.4%	23.1%	16.7%	2.5%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.1%	17.5%	12.2%	5.3%	28.8%	1.9%	34.2%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.3%	66.9%	1.9%	13.7%	12.0%		5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.1%	20.7%	6.5%	16.0%	15.5%	8.0%	33.2%	100.0%

**Q4.4. I feel the changes do not go far enough**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1211	2.6%	5.5%	24.3%	24.9%	32.9%	9.6%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	11.6%	23.5%	9.3%	44.0%	9.9%	1.6%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%		8.1%	19.2%	30.6%	33.5%	8.6%	100.0%
Green Party	7.6%	0.8%	1.6%	8.5%	21.2%	63.7%	4.2%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.8%	3.8%	3.7%	14.6%	23.5%	49.2%	5.1%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%				40.1%	59.9%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%		9.9%	36.8%	1.3%	52.0%		100.0%
National Party	30.9%	2.6%	10.1%	42.6%	23.9%	14.8%	5.7%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.4%	3.7%	2.6%	18.9%	33.6%	41.0%	0.2%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%		11.5%	53.3%	15.4%	19.8%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	4.9%			70.6%	24.6%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.1%		7.0%	18.0%	30.7%	17.4%	27.0%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.3%		2.9%	13.7%	10.6%	67.2%	5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.1%	8.0%		20.8%	16.4%	21.5%	33.2%	100.0%

**Q4.5. I feel the changes are about right**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	<b>Total</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	
ALL	1206	2.8%	23.7%	17.8%	17.6%	28.1%	9.9%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	4.7%	12.2%	20.4%	25.8%	36.9%		100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	4.8%	26.2%	14.0%	18.1%	31.4%	5.5%	100.0%
Green Party	7.5%	1.4%	3.4%	14.6%	19.7%	56.0%	4.8%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.7%	2.5%	11.4%	13.0%	22.9%	47.7%	2.4%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%					100.0%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	9.9%	13.7%		10.0%	66.4%		100.0%
National Party	31.3%	5.4%	41.4%	23.7%	14.4%	10.8%	4.4%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.4%		13.7%	17.0%	27.7%	39.6%	2.0%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	12.8%	41.0%	1.3%	39.6%	5.3%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%		70.6%	4.9%		24.6%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	10.9%		30.5%	13.5%	13.2%	17.0%	25.9%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.4%		12.0%	15.6%	4.4%	48.8%	19.3%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	7.5%	3.0%	16.1%	32.5%	5.8%	6.1%	36.3%	100.0%

**Q4.6. I feel uncomfortable about the proposed changes**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1216	28.1%	21.8%	11.0%	23.0%	6.8%	9.3%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	9.9%	13.0%	1.9%	5.2%	43.1%	27.0%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	36.1%	15.3%	9.7%	22.8%	11.1%	4.9%	100.0%
Green Party	7.6%	67.1%	14.8%	3.7%	8.1%	2.9%	3.5%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.6%	48.4%	27.2%	6.6%	12.2%	3.9%	1.9%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	59.9%	40.1%					100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	52.0%	24.3%	18.3%	5.4%			100.0%
National Party	30.3%	9.4%	19.3%	19.1%	36.8%	12.9%	2.3%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.3%	37.4%	20.3%	10.7%	22.7%	8.7%	0.1%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	6.5%	44.0%		36.8%	12.8%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	19.7%	4.9%		70.6%	4.8%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.0%	11.8%	13.9%	20.2%	27.0%	2.8%	24.5%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.2%	53.2%	15.6%		25.7%		5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.9%	9.5%	21.3%	3.1%	14.0%	3.3%	48.6%	100.0%



**Q4.7. I feel comfortable about the proposed changes**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1191	4.7%	25.9%	11.1%	17.1%	31.3%	9.8%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	42.0%	24.1%	13.5%	10.5%	9.9%		100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	4.8%	32.1%	8.7%	14.5%	35.5%	4.4%	100.0%
Green Party	7.5%	5.4%	3.5%	3.6%	13.9%	70.3%	3.4%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.7%	2.9%	11.7%	8.5%	19.9%	52.3%	4.6%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%					100.0%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	4.1%	1.3%	8.4%	24.3%	61.9%		100.0%
National Party	30.3%	6.8%	45.4%	14.3%	16.6%	12.0%	4.8%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.1%	6.7%	17.0%	11.7%	26.3%	38.2%	0.1%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	2.5%	28.2%		59.8%	9.6%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	4.9%	70.6%			24.6%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.1%	0.8%	36.1%	13.0%	9.1%	16.5%	24.5%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.3%		2.9%	22.8%	15.5%	53.1%	5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.0%	7.2%	31.4%	5.0%	4.0%	11.0%	41.4%	100.0%

**Q4.8. The proposed changes undermine New Zealand's long tradition of protesting at sea**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1172	31.6%	23.6%	12.3%	15.9%	6.2%	10.4%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.7%	8.7%	30.8%	1.3%	9.3%	40.2%	9.7%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	12.0%	11.4%	38.7%	26.5%	4.6%	6.8%	100.0%
Green Party	7.7%	71.6%	20.4%	3.2%	0.4%	1.3%	3.0%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.7%	51.2%	27.7%	6.7%	9.1%	2.5%	2.9%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	99.6%					0.4%	100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	86.3%		8.4%	5.4%			100.0%
National Party	29.7%	10.5%	23.9%	20.6%	27.2%	12.2%	5.2%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.0%	36.3%	24.7%	15.0%	10.5%	8.5%	5.1%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	6.9%	51.3%	19.6%	5.6%	16.7%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	24.6%			70.6%	4.8%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.3%	13.0%	13.5%	9.8%	22.6%	4.5%	36.7%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.5%	66.9%	15.5%		12.0%		5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.2%	20.1%	21.5%	15.2%	8.9%	4.2%	30.0%	100.0%

**Q4.9. Many important environmental protection initiatives arose from protests at sea, including the moratorium on commercial whaling, the bans on dumping nuclear waste at sea and on using of driftnets, New Zealand's nuclear free status and the end of French atmospheric nuclear tests in the Pacific**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1148	37.9%	29.0%	13.5%	5.3%	1.6%	12.8%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	10.2%	9.7%	29.8%	25.4%	14.9%	10.0%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	38.8%	20.0%	22.2%	7.5%	3.2%	8.2%	100.0%
Green Party	7.7%	73.7%	14.9%	3.8%		5.3%	2.4%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.2%	54.6%	28.7%	5.7%	1.1%		9.8%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	58.3%	41.7%					100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	87.4%	12.6%					100.0%
National Party	29.4%	17.8%	37.2%	27.5%	9.6%	2.2%	5.8%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.4%	42.2%	39.9%	7.0%	5.0%	2.7%	3.3%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	5.3%	79.8%	2.1%	10.3%	2.5%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	21.2%	73.7%		5.1%			100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.5%	21.2%	21.0%	8.3%	8.6%		40.9%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.6%	77.7%	6.1%	9.1%			7.1%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.1%	26.9%	26.7%	7.7%	3.6%		35.1%	100.0%

**Q4.91. The proposed changes are needed to encourage companies to explore and exploit its offshore gas, oil and other resources**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1175	6.6%	22.3%	11.7%	20.1%	28.6%	10.8%	100.0 %
PARTY VOTE 2011								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	41.8%	14.8%	3.7%	30.9%	8.9%		100.0 %
Conservative	1.7%	3.2%	29.5%	8.9%	24.1%	29.6%	4.7%	100.0 %
Green Party	7.8%	2.3%	2.2%	7.0%	20.0%	63.4%	4.9%	100.0 %
Labour Party	17.6%	3.8%	12.6%	10.2%	24.5%	44.3%	4.8%	100.0 %
Mana Party	1.2%	1.6%	44.7%		28.2%	25.5%		100.0 %
Maori Party	0.8%	4.1%	1.3%	8.4%	46.9%	39.4%		100.0 %
National Party	29.7%	11.6%	39.1%	18.9%	16.9%	11.4%	2.2%	100.0 %
New Zealand First Party	4.4%	3.0%	16.9%	9.4%	29.8%	40.8%		100.0 %
Other party	0.3%	4.3%	4.9%		86.0%	4.8%		100.0 %
United Future	0.3%	24.6%	36.0%	6.3%	30.0%	3.1%		100.0 %
Chose not to vote	10.3%		20.1%	11.2%	11.2%	9.4%	48.0%	100.0 %
Was not eligible to vote	8.6%		15.6%	2.9%	22.8%	53.1%	5.6%	100.0 %
Don't know or can't remember	9.3%	7.2%	22.8%	9.0%	3.1%	27.0%	30.8%	100.0 %

**Q4.92. The proposed penalties are too harsh**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1220	29.1%	17.4%	17.5%	18.5%	6.4%	11.2%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	9.9%	11.6%	3.2%	23.2%	52.1%		100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	34.9%	16.2%	14.2%	22.4%	6.4%	6.0%	100.0%
Green Party	7.6%	58.0%	9.3%	7.7%	2.1%	6.3%	16.7%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.5%	46.9%	22.3%	9.4%	13.1%	3.8%	4.5%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	45.1%	45.1%			9.9%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	52.0%	24.3%	8.4%	5.4%	9.9%		100.0%
National Party	30.4%	10.0%	15.2%	26.5%	33.4%	9.6%	5.1%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.5%	39.9%	29.4%	9.0%	16.0%	4.3%	1.5%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	1.5%	9.6%	23.6%	41.2%	24.3%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	24.6%			70.6%	4.8%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.0%	18.6%	8.4%	20.1%	21.8%	4.2%	27.0%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.2%	67.3%	15.2%	9.1%	2.9%		5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.9%	5.0%	16.9%	24.3%	6.9%	7.2%	39.6%	100.0%

**Q4.93. The proposed penalties are about right**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1216	1.2%	20.0%	19.1%	20.0%	27.7%	11.9%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	2.8%	12.3%	34.5%	14.7%	8.7%	27.0%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	3.3%	21.8%	17.8%	22.6%	28.5%	6.0%	100.0%
Green Party	7.5%	0.7%	0.7%	13.3%	11.1%	57.8%	16.5%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.6%	1.0%	10.3%	13.2%	24.7%	45.8%	4.9%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%		9.9%		40.5%	49.6%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%		5.4%	18.3%	24.3%	52.0%		100.0%
National Party	30.6%	2.8%	35.0%	28.6%	15.8%	11.7%	6.2%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.5%		15.5%	12.7%	33.8%	36.5%	1.5%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	2.5%	61.5%	24.9%	5.7%	5.3%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%		70.6%		20.3%	9.1%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.0%		17.2%	24.3%	10.9%	19.3%	28.3%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.2%		2.9%	9.1%	33.6%	48.8%	5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.9%		25.8%	14.7%	14.1%	5.9%	39.6%	100.0%

**Q4.94. The proposed penalties are not harsh enough**

Multichoice Grid - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly agree
- B.** Agree
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Disagree
- E.** Strongly disagree
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1212	3.0%	5.2%	24.8%	22.4%	32.1%	12.4%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	49.2%	12.9%	10.6%	18.6%	8.7%		100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	4.9%	4.3%	21.3%	29.2%	34.3%	6.0%	100.0%
Green Party	7.5%	1.6%		7.9%	8.7%	64.7%	17.1%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.4%	3.9%	3.6%	14.8%	21.8%	48.1%	8.1%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%				45.1%	54.9%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%		9.9%	32.7%	5.4%	52.0%		100.0%
National Party	30.6%	5.0%	7.8%	41.0%	27.6%	12.5%	5.9%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.5%	3.7%	7.0%	13.9%	34.8%	39.1%	1.5%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%		11.5%	48.0%	33.9%	6.8%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	4.9%			70.6%	24.6%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	10.9%		10.0%	23.3%	23.0%	16.6%	27.2%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.2%			9.1%	4.4%	80.9%	5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.9%			25.2%	11.2%	20.0%	43.6%	100.0%

**LAW CHANGE PROCESS - TIMING**

The proposed changes were first announced on Easter Sunday, March 31, by the Minister of Energy and Resources, Hon Simon Bridges. On April 2 the Government released a Supplementary Order Paper detailing changes it would like to make to the Crown Minerals (Permitting and Crown Land) Bill. The bill was first introduced to Parliament on September 20, 2012 and was sent to the Commerce Committee of Parliament for public submissions. The proposed amendments to rights of protest at sea were not the subject of public submissions to the select committee. The changes were introduced to Parliament last Thursday, on April 11, and supported by 61 votes to 59. The changes were supported by National, Act and United Future MPs and opposed by Labour, Green, Maori and Mana MPs. It was set down to have its next and final reading on Parliament's next sitting day - this Tuesday April 16. If passed, the bill will then go to the Governor General for his assent and will become law. Cabinet Guidelines say "sufficient time needs to be built into the government bill preparation process for adequate consideration of Bill of Rights issues by officials, the Attorney-General, and other Ministers where appropriate."

**Q5. Do you think the proposed changes of law on protests at sea are being considered...**

Multichoice - Single Answer Only

- A.** Too quickly
- B.** At about the right speed
- C.** Too slowly
- D.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	
ALL	1216	60.1%	21.7%	4.0%	14.3%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>						
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	24.5%	49.2%	25.2%	1.2%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	65.4%	23.8%	6.6%	4.2%	100.0%
Green Party	7.6%	89.1%	4.7%	0.7%	5.5%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.6%	79.2%	10.5%	1.7%	8.6%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%	99.6%			0.4%	100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	84.7%	5.4%	9.9%		100.0%
National Party	30.5%	40.0%	43.7%	6.2%	10.2%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.5%	79.9%	16.3%	1.6%	2.2%	100.0%
United Future	0.3%	71.5%	6.8%		21.7%	100.0%
Other party	0.2%	95.1%		4.9%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	10.8%	34.1%	17.1%	2.9%	46.0%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.2%	85.3%	9.1%		5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	8.9%	43.1%	11.0%	8.8%	37.1%	100.0%



**LAW CHANGE PROCESS - NEXT STEPS**

**Q7. Thinking about the proposed law change, which of the following actions would you support?**

Please select all that apply

Multichoice - Multiple Answers Allowed

- A.** The bill should become law immediately
- B.** The bill should be sent back to select committee for more thorough scrutiny and public submissions
- C.** The bill should be withdrawn and not passed into law
- D.** Something else should happen (please tell us what that is)

	Total	A	B	C	D	
ALL	1210	20.1%	52.4%	29.7%	7.3%	109.5%
PARTY VOTE 2011						
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	46.2%	18.2%	35.6%		100.0%
Conservative	1.8%	19.9%	46.3%	28.1%	5.7%	100.0%
Green Party	8.5%	1.4%	39.1%	42.0%	17.5%	100.0%
Labour Party	19.1%	7.4%	51.1%	38.1%	3.4%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.3%	0.0	45.8%	53.3%	0.9%	100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%	5.4%	55.2%	29.5%	9.9%	100.0%
National Party	32.5%	35.5%	50.0%	12.6%	1.9%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	5.1%	7.2%	54.2%	35.5%	3.1%	100.0%
United Future	0.4%	26.1%	66.3%	4.8%	2.8%	100.0%
Other party	0.3%	4.7%	86.6%	8.8%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.0%	24.6%	55.1%	20.2%		100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	12.7%	6.0%	19.8%	42.4%	31.9%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.5%	15.1%	68.2%	16.7%		100.0%

**Q8. Finally, having considered the issues raised in all the questions in this survey, overall, do you support or oppose the proposed new law which would make some currently lawful protest activities against petroleum and minerals activities at sea unlawful?**

Multichoice - Single Answer Only

- A.** Strongly support
- B.** Support
- C.** Neutral
- D.** Oppose
- E.** Strongly oppose
- F.** Not sure

	Total	A	B	C	D	E	F	
ALL	1205	7.6%	22.9%	9.4%	16.0%	35.4%	8.7%	100.0%
<b>PARTY VOTE 2011</b>								
ACT New Zealand	0.6%	43.3%	6.8%	9.9%	30.5%	8.8%	0.7%	100.0%
Conservative	1.7%	5.5%	30.9%	4.1%	18.1%	38.1%	3.2%	100.0%
Green Party	7.7%	1.1%	1.5%	5.0%	15.0%	76.1%	1.4%	100.0%
Labour Party	17.8%	3.2%	10.9%	9.0%	17.3%	57.3%	2.2%	100.0%
Mana Party	1.2%				40.1%	59.9%		100.0%
Maori Party	0.8%		11.7%	8.7%		79.7%		100.0%
National Party	30.7%	16.1%	38.8%	15.8%	14.2%	13.6%	1.3%	100.0%
New Zealand First Party	4.6%	6.3%	17.2%	9.1%	28.3%	39.1%		100.0%
United Future	0.3%	24.3%	29.5%	27.6%	9.0%	9.6%		100.0%
Other party	0.2%	4.9%	70.6%			24.6%		100.0%
Chose not to vote	11.1%	2.0%	27.9%	7.5%	11.2%	16.8%	34.6%	100.0%
Was not eligible to vote	8.4%		12.0%		15.2%	67.2%	5.6%	100.0%
Don't know or can't remember	9.1%	7.2%	23.0%	5.9%	16.0%	14.7%	33.1%	100.0%