



Ruling

Pursuant to Section 162(2) of the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act)

Company Name	OMV New Zealand Limited
Date of Request	22 September 2015
Title of Request	FPSO Raroa Mooring System and Water Injection Flowline Replacement works
Reference for Request	EEZ0119OMV-R
Existing structure or submarine pipeline	Maari Well Head Platform and Floating Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) facility Raroa
Petroleum mining permit or existing privilege	PMP 38160

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) hereby provides a ruling to the effect that the adverse effects on the environment or existing interests of the following activities, identified in the request EEZ0119OMV, are likely to be minor or less than minor:

The placement and removal of the following structures under ss 20(2)(a), 20(2)(g), 20(4)(a), 162(3)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The placement and removal of construction skids associated with the maintenance of the mooring lines of the Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading facility the Raroa, where:

- 1 a. the placement and removal will be visually monitored using Remotely Operated Vehicles,
- b. the footprint of the construction skids will be no greater than 5m x 20m,
- c. the dry weight of the construction skids will be no greater than 5,000kg,
- d. the construction skids will be placed with 20m of the existing channels created by the existing mooring lines,
- e. no harmful substances will be released into the marine environment from the construction skids,
- f. the placement and removal is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment,
- g. the placement and removal is performed no more than five times per mooring line, or forty times in total, prior to the expiration of PMP 38160 on 1 December 2027.

The placement and removal of the following submarine pipelines under ss 20(2)(b), 20(2)(g), 162(3)(a) and 162(3)(c) of the EEZ Act:

The removal and placement of the water injection line connected to the Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading facility the Raroa and the Maari wellhead platform, where:

- 2 a. the removal and placement will be visually monitored using Remotely Operated Vehicles,
- b. the replacement water injection submarine pipeline will be placed in the same location as the existing pipeline,
- c. the placement and removal is performed using suitably certified lifting equipment,
- d. the removal and replacement is performed no more than five times prior to the expiration of PMP 38160 on 1 December 2027.

Provided Under Delegated Authority:



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Date: 3 November 2015