International Best Practices in the Petroleum Sector -
Topical Issues Workshop 2017
Wednesday, May 31, 2017 – New Plymouth

Presenters:
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Agenda:
8:45am-9:00am  Registration
9:00am-9:15am  Introduction

Decommissioning - Offshore
9:15am -9:45am  International Legislation relevant to offshore decommissioning - Anderson
                Application to New Zealand - Rush
9:45am-10:15am  UK - the development of decommissioning regulation and commercial structures
to achieve ‘clean seas’ - Rush
10:15am-11:00am  Other international examples including the Gulf of Mexico where ‘rigs to reefs’
                  operates - Anderson
11:00am-11:15am  Coffee Break

Decommissioning - Onshore
11:15am -11:45am  Summary of NZ issues/MBIE paper: Managing 3rd party risk exposure from
                  onshore petroleum wells - Rush
11:45am-12:15pm  Analysis/Observations/International experience - Anderson
12:15am-1:00pm  Lunch

Service Contracting/Local Benefits
1:00pm-3:30pm  Service Contracts- Anderson
• Introduction on compensation, warranties, remedies, and risks
• The Macondo Catastrophe—as a case study
• Allocation of risk
• No Fault Indemnity Strategies (“knock for knock”)
• Insurance Supporting Indemnities

3:30pm-3:45pm  Coffee Break

3:45pm-4:45pm  Indigenous/Human Rights and the Extractive Industries - Anderson
• Presentation of the AIPN research paper ‘Human Rights Responsibilities in the Oil and Gas Sector: Applying the UN Guiding Principles’
• Examples from the US, Canada, Australia

4:45pm-5:00pm  Questions/Conclusions – Anderson & Rush

5:00pm-6:00pm  Reception/Drinks