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## PEPANZ Submission: Crown Minerals (Minerals & Petroleum) Partial Fees Review 2014

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This document constitutes the Petroleum Exploration and Production Association of New Zealand's (PEPANZ) submission in respect of the consultation document *Crown Minerals (Minerals & Petroleum) Partial Fees Review 2014*, which was released by New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals (NZP&M) for comment on 14 May 2014.

PEPANZ represents private sector companies holding petroleum prospecting, exploration and mining permits, service companies and individuals working in the industry.

This submission responds to question 1 in the consultation document relating to fees for Petroleum Prospecting Permits. We will also welcome the opportunity to be involved in the comprehensive review of the Crown Minerals fees regime planned for 2015–16

**Question 1: Do you agree with the analysis of the proposed fees for petroleum prospecting permits? If not, why not?**

PEPANZ supports the analysis of the proposed fees for petroleum prospecting permits ("PPPs") outlined in the consultation document. We agree that applying annual fees for PPPs (typically covering large areas) as currently results in disproportionately large annual fees.

This is also inefficient in that it discourages the uptake of these permits, encourages permit applicants to limit the size of their PPPs and creates the need for potential 'workarounds'. For non-exclusive PPPs we note the proposed flat rate fee structure appears more appropriate than an area based fee.

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