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Statement of solidarity against Tokyo Electric Power Company's plans to discharge radioactive wastewater into the Pacific Ocean

On 26 November 2022, the [Nuclear Connections Across Oceania Conference](#) convened a [panel](#) and a working group to address the urgent need to stop the discharge of radioactive wastewater at Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO's) Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. The Japanese government has approved TEPCO's plan to discharge [over 1.3 million tonnes of radioactive wastewater](#) beginning in 2023. The radioactive wastewater will be discharged for approximately 30 years ([from 2023 to at least 2050](#)).

The signatories of this statement are in solidarity against the planned discharge and support the following resolutions:

- 1. We call on TEPCO and the Japanese Government to immediately end its plan to discharge radioactive wastewater from Fukushima Daiichi into the Pacific Ocean.*
- 2. We call on the New Zealand government to stay true to its commitment to a nuclear free Pacific, and to support other concerned Pacific governments by playing a leading role in taking a case to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea against Japan concerning the proposed radioactive wastewater release from TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi.*
- 3. We seek clarity from the Japanese Government, the International Atomic Energy Agency, Henry Puna (the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and Pacific Ocean Commissioner), and the Pacific Panel of Independent Global Experts on Nuclear Issues on the outcome of numerous [meetings](#) they had about the radioactive wastewater discharge.*
- 4. We call for a transparent and accountable consultation process as called for by [Japanese civil society groups](#), [Pacific leaders](#), and [regional organisations](#). This consultation would be between the Japanese government and its neighbours throughout the Pacific. These processes must be directed by impacted communities within Japan and throughout the Pacific to facilitate fair and open public deliberations and rigorous scientific debate.*