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To: [Fiona Newlove](#)
Subject: Fw: Urgent Call to Address Ocean Pollution from Silver Fern Farms
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Kia ora Fiona,

Are you able to help with the below enquiry? Please ensure you respond within **5-10 working days and cc info when responding**. If you would like us send a response on your behalf, please send through your written response.

Ngā mihi,

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you with a heavy heart and a profound sense of urgency regarding the ongoing environmental harm caused by the discharge of toxic waste from the Silver Fern Farms facility in Pareora, New Zealand. The release of contaminated effluent into the ocean is not only a dire threat to marine ecosystems but also a violation of our shared responsibility to protect the natural world for future generations.

The waters off New Zealand's coast are home to an incredible array of marine life, from the tiniest plankton to majestic whales. These ecosystems are not just sources of beauty; they are vital to the health of our planet. Yet, they are now being poisoned by effluents containing harmful contaminants such as nitrogen, phosphorus, oils, and fecal matter. These pollutants disrupt fragile ecosystems, devastate marine biodiversity, and pose risks to human communities that depend on the ocean for sustenance and livelihood.

Imagine the impact on a pod of dolphins navigating these waters, their habitat increasingly tainted by human negligence. Picture the vibrant coral reefs suffocating under the weight of pollution, their colors fading into dull reminders of what once was. These are not abstract tragedies—they are unfolding realities, driven by avoidable choices.

The Resource Management Act of New Zealand was established to prevent exactly this kind of harm. Yet, the discharge practices at the Pareora facility appear to contravene these protections. It is disheartening to witness such disregard for the laws designed to safeguard our environment. More so, it is a betrayal of the trust placed in us by future generations who will inherit the consequences of our inaction.

I urge Silver Fern Farms and the relevant authorities to take immediate and decisive action. Invest in sustainable waste management systems that prevent harmful discharges into the ocean. Commit to transparency and accountability in addressing this issue. Work collaboratively with environmental experts and local communities to ensure that such incidents are not repeated.

Time is of the essence. The longer we wait, the more irreversible the damage becomes. Let this be a turning point—an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and a genuine commitment to protecting our planet.

We are all stewards of this Earth, and the oceans are its lifeblood. Let us act with the compassion and urgency this crisis demands.

Yours sincerely,

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source : <https://www.teaonews.co.nz/2024/12/27/silver-fern-farms-accused-of-polluting-moana/>

	<h2>Silver Fern Farms accused of polluting moana – Te Ao Māori News</h2> <p>Silver Fern Farms, a company that publicly champions its commitment to sustainable and climate-friendly practices, faces scrutiny after evidence of severe environmental pollution near its killing plant in Pareora.</p> <p>www.teaonews.co.nz</p>
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