My old people … they looked after the ocean, and the ocean looked after them. So we need to do the same.

- Sue Haseldine, Kokatha Elder

The People Vs. Oil: The Great Australian Bight

The Great Australian Bight is home to dozens of seaside communities, majestic southern right whales, sea lions and hundreds of kilometres of towering cliffs. But all of that is at risk from dangerous oil drilling and seismic blasting.

Big oil is circling the Bight and Equinor, the Norwegian oil giant, is at the head of the pack.

A spill from their proposed wells would be disastrous and could reach across the Southern coast of Australia, from Western Australia to Victoria and Tasmania, icons like the Twelve Apostles and Kangaroo Island would be right in the firing line.

It’s up to us to keep our southern coastline safe.

Time for Action

Greenpeace is launching one of its most daring campaigns to defend the Bight from oil exploration and drilling. But Greenpeace is only ever the people who come together to campaign for a more just and sustainable planet. And that’s you!

Together we will:

- Make the Bight famous: the Bight has more unique species than the entire Great Barrier Reef! Through world class science, storytelling and with the whole Greenpeace crew sharing its stories, we are going to put the Bight firmly on the map!

- Raise the risks for Big Oil: We’ll demonstrate to the public that there is no such thing as safe oil drilling in the Bight. That drilling involves risky and experimental technology and untested techniques in the most dangerous waters you can imagine. We’ll make sure oil investors know the risks and we’ll make sure any attempts to drill for oil in the Bight are confronted head on.

- Send a big message to Canberra: It’s time for politicians to show leadership on climate. We’ll be putting the pressure on our MP’s to do the right thing and that means getting a commitment for a ban on oil drilling in the Bight.

The great news is that you aren’t alone in this campaign. Over 125,000 people have already signed onto our campaign demanding the Government protect the Bight while local councils in South Australia have also been coming out against Equinor by passing motions against drilling. Now it’s time join with others all across the country who are ramping up the campaign to defend the Bight.

Planning your screening of Wild Waters

Just because it’s a Greenpeace screening doesn’t mean some of the normal rules of socialising don’t apply! Some things to think about when planning your event:

- Don’t forget to invite people! Creating and sharing a facebook event can help but e-mail, text and even calling people up will most likely be your best bet.

- Pick a date when most people will be able to attend. A weekend vs. weekday evening will change the vibe of your event so keep that in mind.

- Remember to do a technical check to make sure the film is working on your set up with the sound etc. before people arrive. If you’re having issues
• Drinks & food are important for any social occasion. Normal rules apply! Remember that not everyone will want to drink alcohol and you may want to ask people to bring some snacks or even have a pot-luck dinner afterwards.

• Remind people before the date. Just like if you were organising a birthday party, you really want to remind people that they've agreed to come and encourage them to turn up. Do they want to bring someone with them? Have they booked a babysitter or are the kids coming? A few reminders before and on the day are always worthwhile.

**At the screening**

Congratulations! You've made it to the big day which should be a lot of fun!

**Before the film:**

Ask people to fill in the sign in sheet as they arrive. Taking a photo of the group together at the start of the event is a great way to avoid forgetting about it later! Ask people if they are happy to have their photo shared online and if they aren't simply make a note on the sign in sheet. You might want to share the picture on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Don’t forget to tag us in it (Instagram: @greenpeaceap, Twitter: @greenpeaceAP, Facebook: @greenpeaceaustraliapacific) or use #peoplesoil or #makeoilhistory on all platforms to let the team know.

Don't be afraid to introduce the film. Introducing the film doesn’t mean you have to be an expert on the issues or know all the technical details! You've made an effort to invite people to share the film with you and now is a great opportunity to explain why you think the campaign is important and what you are hoping people will get out of the evening.

**Show the film!! Press play!!**

**After the film:**

After you have shown the film why not have a discussion about what people think. What did they like? What did they see that piqued their interest?

Now is the perfect time to ask people to get more involved. The two simple things people can do are:

1. Sign the petition. This will also mean they will get included in campaign updates
2. Commit to sharing the video via social media or by emailing it to friends, family and co-workers!

Maybe everyone is so fired up and inspired that signing the petition and sharing the video is not enough. Maybe they want to host a screening of their own? We also have a range of materials for people who are keen for more in depth action on the Bight campaign. Or maybe you have all come up with another big idea of things you want to do to win the campaign. Drop us a line at isadora.poole@greenpeace.org or on 0428693045 to chat about how we can help make it a reality.

**After the screening**

Pour yourself a drink and bask in your glory! Well done. Bringing people together to defend the planet is not something we do every day but it’s the only way we are ever going to win.

After you've taken a short breath, let the staff team know how you got on. Drop an email to isadora.poole@greenpeace.org with your stories and pictures.

Don't forget to follow up with your guests. Make sure to send the video to everyone who wanted to share it.