

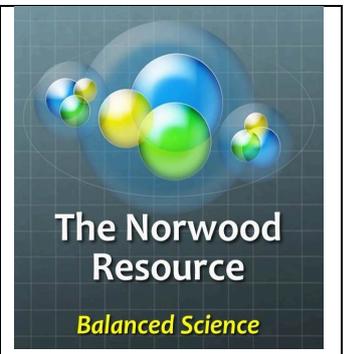
NEWSLETTER

The Norwood Resource *Incorporated*

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Welcome

Welcome to The Norwood Resource (TNR)'s second newsletter following publication of our first in early April. Our newsletters are distributed monthly to our members to provide updates on the progress we are making in 'assembling and disseminating the facts and science' and 'actively challenging and countering misinformation' about the impacts of oil and gas exploration and production on the environment. Our previous newsletters can be accessed at <http://thenorwoodresource.org.au/newsletters/>

Why TNR Formed

TNR was formed by a group of retired, semi-retired or independent oil/gas professionals who were increasingly dismayed at the way our industry was being misrepresented in the media. More details on why we formed, together with our objectives and plan can be found at:

<http://thenorwoodresource.org.au/about/>

Mission

Briefly, our mission, which can be found in more detail in the above link, is to:

- assemble and disseminate the facts and science;
- challenge and counter misinformation;
- provide balanced information to key media personnel; and
- become a "go-to" centre of expertise which media and the community can access if they are interested in the facts and science,

about the impacts of oil/gas exploration/production on the environment.

Membership

As members will be aware, we have 3 categories of membership:

*Active (voting): retired, semi-retired or independent with resource industry experience;

*Associate (non-voting): supports the objectives of TNR but may be a student, non-resource industry member or someone still employed full time in the industry; and

*Overseas (non-voting): not resident in Australia but otherwise would qualify for Active or Associate membership.

The reason we differentiate between active (voting) and associate or overseas (non-voting) members is to ensure that TNR cannot be or perceived to be controlled by large industry organisations that may benefit from having TNR as their "mouthpiece".

This does NOT mean we do not welcome Associate or Overseas members – to the contrary, we need you! You are very welcome!

During April, our membership base has increased from 44 to 63, consisting of 23 active members and 40 associate/overseas members. Although this is pleasing, we do look forward to many more industry participants joining in order to demonstrate that the industry is supportive of this very important initiative.

We've had feedback that some industry members are reluctant to join TNR because we are seen as a political or lobby group. Unfortunately, whenever any group challenges or counters another group regarding the misinformation they are spreading, this "tag" appears to be unavoidable. However, we all know what happens when the misinformation is not challenged. We can assure potential members that our challenges are and will always be, based on the facts and science. Given the industry is in dire need of someone willing to place the facts and science in the public arena, we believe we are fulfilling an important role.

We sincerely thank all members, especially those who are full time employees of large industry organisations who have joined as Associate members.

How can members help?

*Forward this newsletter to colleagues who may consider becoming a member.

*Spread the word! "Share", "like" or "comment on" the articles we are posting on our website and Facebook page (see April postings below).

*As an active member you could join the management committee or one of the sub-committees we'd like to form covering such areas as membership, publications, public relations, etc.

*As an associate or overseas member we would appreciate your feedback on potential topics/issues for publication in your area of expertise.

* Be a guest writer and get your "pet" gripe/issue/topic published on the TNR website. We'd love to hear about those natural oil or gas seeps you've encountered or photos or videos of whales or dolphins "up close and personal" with a seismic operation

Published during April

Finally, a brief summary of the articles published during April. Two articles highlighted how dependent modern society is on oil and natural gas, especially the "by-products" such as plastics, polyester, etc. Thus, even if society could replace fossil fuels with (expensive and often environmentally unsustainable!) renewables, how could we replace, for example, the 16% of a barrel of crude oil that produces plastics, polyester, asphalt, etc?

<http://thenorwoodresource.org.au/2014/04/21/how-dependent-is-society-on-oil/>

<http://thenorwoodresource.org.au/2014/04/21/how-dependent-is-society-on-natural-gas/>

Also, we published 3 articles late in the month that rebutted Oceana's misleading claim that a seismic pulse is 100,000 more "intense" than a jet taking off; provided a tabulation that compared seismic pulses with typical sounds in air and water; and demonstrated that a petition run by a coalition of environmental groups against opening up the USA Atlantic continental shelf to seismic surveys should be declared null and void: <http://thenorwoodresource.org.au/2014/04/28/is-a-petition-that-is-based-on-misinformation-null-and-void/> Note there are links in this article to the other two.

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