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# Greenpeace on N-war

Two submissions were presented by Greenpeace and the Ngai Tahu Maori Trust at last evening's "New Zealand after a nuclear war" regional meeting at the Civic Regency in Christchurch.

The meetings, co-ordinated throughout New Zealand by the Ministry for the Environment, are calling for public response to the Planning Council's report on the likely effects on New Zealand life after a northern hemisphere nuclear conflict.

A Greenpeace spokeswoman, Kate Bowness, presented a letter, addressed to the Prime Min-

ister, Mr Lange, criticising the Government's decision to fund the Planning Council report from Rainbow Warrior reparation fund money while refusing to fund Greenpeace, which they say, furthers the cause of nuclear war prevention.

Greenpeace also maintains that money should come from the annual billion dollar defence budget to fund it, and the planned second phase of the Planning Council report which will deal with implementing some of the report's suggestions.

The Ngai Tahu Trust's submission had called on

the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Marshall, and the Prime Minister, Mr Lange, to present to the World Court a proposal to investigate the "legality or illegality of nuclear weapons." The submission says: "We are morally obliged to demand a judgment from the World Court ... we have not struggled this long for survival simply to acquiesce to nuclear destruction."

The submission suggests that although, according to scientists, physical survival would be possible in the event of small-scale nuclear conflict between minor nuclear Powers

such as Israel, it might not be "mentally or spiritually possible" to survive.

It draws a parallel to the occurrence last century of the "Westernisation" of the Maori people and the apparent devastating effects on Maori-  
dom.

The public meeting was attended by about 70 people, with about half signing the Greenpeace petition. Dr Wren Green, one of the report's authors, spoke for about 90 minutes on the report's findings, with discussion groups held afterwards.