



## Inbox

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# Dear BP...

As oil continues wreaking havoc in the Gulf of Mexico, Kiwi kids have picked up their pens.



**T**he children of Kelston and Avondale primary schools were asked to write to the CEO of BP. Here are some extracts from their letters, which all started, "Dear Tony Hayward".

*I feel devastated that you left and went cruising on your yacht while there was oil leaking in the Gulf of Mexico. You have to fix it because fish and birds are dying. So please stay focused.*

**Yours sincerely, Raymond**

*It's great that you're giving oil to the vehicles, but there is a problem with the oil – it went spreading out like a thing that can go anywhere it wants. I've got an idea. Build a fence so the oil stops going into the sea, then fix the leak.*

**Kenny Z**

*Please, all I am asking you to do is don't kill any more living things. I am tired of living in a dump. Killing a sea creature is exactly like killing a human. You should get up off your big behind and do something about it.*

**Laurin Midwood**

*I feel unsatisfied with you. There is no food for the baby birds and it's not fair to them. I hope you are sad too.*

**From Timi**

*I have something to say to you. I'm sorry if you get really mad but you should stop it ALREADY!!! Stop having fun and get on with the paperwork.*

**Alliah Macaoay**

*I am a child in this planet and I am willing to help you stop the oil spill. You should get*

*a scuba diver to take a look at the drain and fix it with a lid. Keep checking the oil spill every hour and be more careful.*

**Alissa Dam**

*Just pretend that you are sea life. If they kill you, how do you feel, happy or sad? Of course it's going to be sad. I'm not putting any complaints on you but at least try to save the sea life.*

**Zashleena**

**"The Tony that you are now is the Tony nobody likes. Everyone, even me, wants the old Tony back, the kind and nice Tony."**

**THIS MADNESS HAS TO STOP!!!**

**Shahd Al-Isawi**

*You shouldn't have gone sailing because everyone else is cleaning up your mess. Besides they are not your mother you know.*

**From Psalms**

*You don't deserve a lot of money. You turned the blue ocean to black.*

**From Jackson**

*I am angry and it is your fault.*

**From Harriet**

*I'm sad and happy at the same time. I'm sad because our children cannot see how amazing the birds and fishes look. Then it comes to where I'm happy. I'm happy because I can tell our children how beautiful they were.*

**Charity Faakomiti**

*Another thing – you broke people's heart.*

**Ronish Kumar**

*See how people are angry at you? Don't think about quitting your job. This is a big disaster and you better fix it!*

**From Dhara**

*I think you should get vege oil. It's not cooking oil, it is petrol oil but made from vege and it's real. I have heard a story about a man trying to get people to use vege oil and I think you should do the same and also STOP FOOLING AROUND!*

**Natalie Thaiuchit**

*I think you should go in a big helicopter with the crew, put on some gloves, scoop up all the oil and go back and sell it. To stop it you should cover it and attach a humongous bucket.*

**Kind regards, Lara Laurencio**

*One more thing I have to add. Everyone hates you for what you have done to nature.*

**Kind regards, Lyric Hunia Esau**

*Another reason is that without animals such as fishes, well, you can't really call a beach a beach. I mean like it'll just be a normal place with sand and water. You can find sand at the sandpit and water in the bathtub.*

**Yours faithfully, Kushi**

*I'm happy that you entered a yacht race but you should have been helping to fix the oil problem. The Tony that you are now is the Tony nobody likes. Everyone, even me, wants the old Tony back, the kind and nice Tony. I hope this letter helps you get a bit of perspective.*

**Jack**