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**Rawson Resources Limited Chairman Interviewed on TVNZ**

Rawson Resources Limited ('Rawson', ASX code RAW) Chairman Dr John Conolly was interviewed on New Zealand television, a link to the video can be found below. Rawsons partners in the 3 areas shown on the map below are KEA Petroleum ('KEA') and Hardie Energy (NZ) Ltd.

“A consortium of three oil prospecting companies led by Kea Petroleum are stepping up preparations for new oil exploration in the Taranaki basin.

The consortium that includes Hardie Energy and Rawson Resources is confident that it will find oil and gas and sees potential for drilling wells in the near future.

Australian oil expert Professor John Conolly of Rawson Resources says he excited by the potential that the Taranaki Basin still holds.

"It's singularly attractive to explorers, it's already got an established infrastructure, it already has production of oil and gas...it's one of the best areas in this part of the world to find oil and gas," he says.

The consortium won Taranaki Basin permits last year, and Conolly says good source rock in the area indicates that they will find what they are looking for.

Conolly says royalties have been well judged to make the project attractive to investors and he believes investment risk in terms of volatility of oil prices is minimal.

"Oil is low at the moment but we know there will be demand in the future, and we're fairly confident that won't be a deterrent," he says.

Conolly says the consortium is hoping to drill in the first 12 months of its permit year. “

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To WATCH the video (3:36) click on this link: <http://tvnz.co.nz/business-news/consortium-keen-start-in-taranaki-basin-2466815/video>

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*Background: Rawson Resources Ltd is primarily an oil and natural gas exploration company in Australia with interests in the Otway, Surat, Cooper, Pedirka and Taranaki Basins. Rawson also has joint ventures for exploration for Coal Seam Gas in Australia and joint ventures for Uranium in the USA and Australia.*

### **NZ Permits Location Map**



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