

result of cement kiln incineration at Tarakohe. But it is also ridiculous to suggest that a 200 litre drum would contaminate no more than an acre.

## Conclusion

PCBs are an example of a problem with no ideal solution. Any society which produces and uses hazardous materials has to accept an increased level of risk as the price to be paid for comfort and convenience.

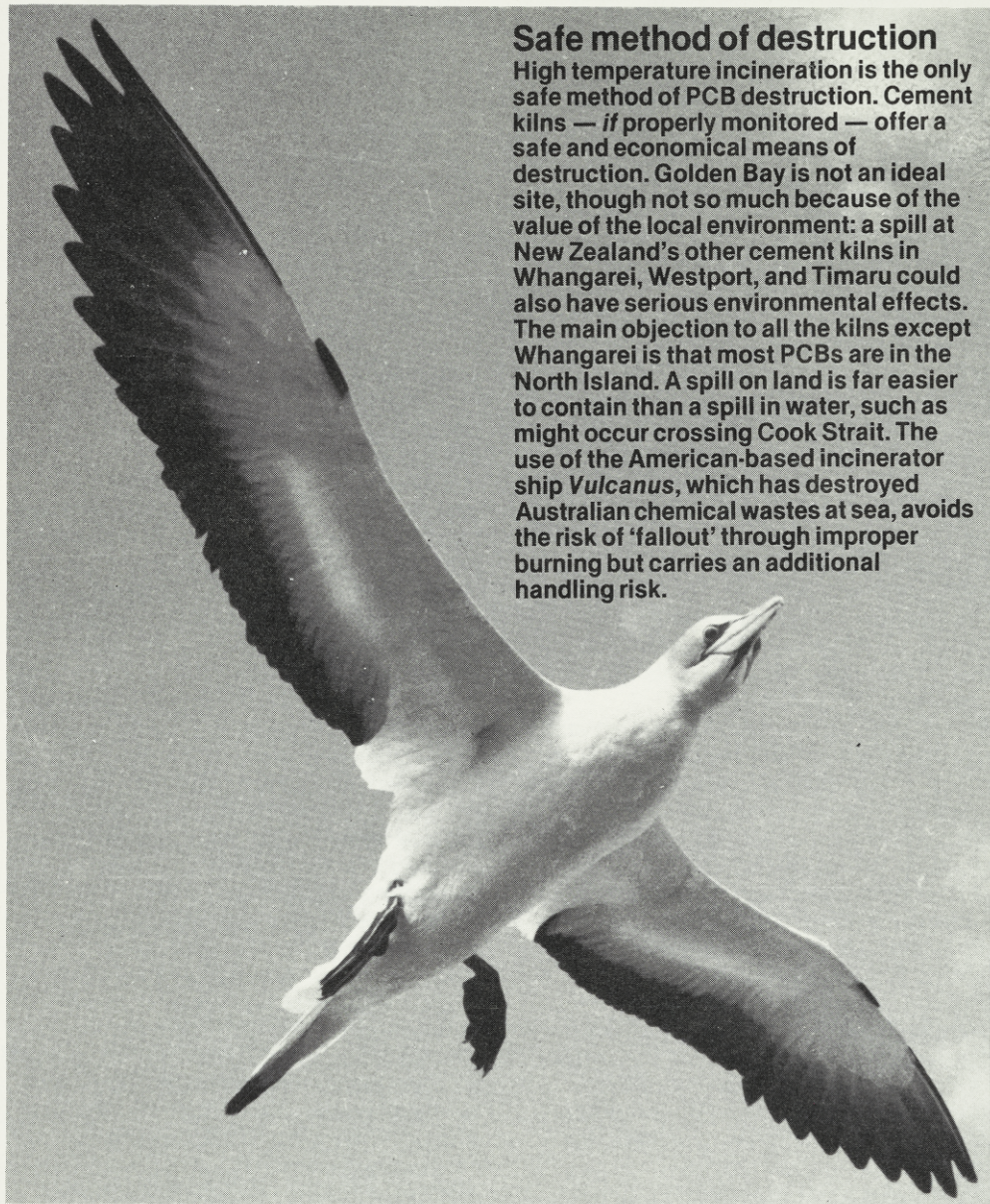
The wildlife which may be affected is not given a choice, of course. We owe it to the rest of Nature to take the greatest of care in the management of all potential environmental pollutants.

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## Safe method of destruction

High temperature incineration is the only safe method of PCB destruction. Cement kilns — if properly monitored — offer a safe and economical means of destruction. Golden Bay is not an ideal site, though not so much because of the value of the local environment: a spill at New Zealand's other cement kilns in Whangarei, Westport, and Timaru could also have serious environmental effects. The main objection to all the kilns except Whangarei is that most PCBs are in the North Island. A spill on land is far easier to contain than a spill in water, such as might occur crossing Cook Strait. The use of the American-based incinerator ship *Vulcanus*, which has destroyed Australian chemical wastes at sea, avoids the risk of 'fallout' through improper burning but carries an additional handling risk.



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