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Dear Committee Members,

The 2016 Victorian Auditor General's report "Meeting Obligations to Protect Ramsar Wetlands" raised some key deficiencies, and I'm pleased to see the Parliament following up to review the Government's response.

We cannot afford to lose the efficacy of our ecosystems and the introduction of a facility like the AGLs proposed gas terminal will adversely affect plants, animals, fish and insects. This natural balance will be severely compromised.

Wetlands are an essential part of our ecosystem. Please do not permit the arrival of a floating storage and regasification ship into Westernport Bay. The need to protect the habitat that the mangroves provide to migratory birds, such as the Eastern Curlew, is vital.

The aesthetic appeal of a place of beauty is also very important for our welfare and that of the marine animals that could be affected by the dumping of cooled and chlorinated water from the ship.

Surely it is important that we move towards renewable energy sources instead of risking the destruction of a vitally important wetlands area.

Thank you for making an opportunity to bring these concerns to the committee and I look forward to seeing a good outcome for our wetlands.

Kind regards, Barbara Speed

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