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To: ramsar

Subject: Protect the wetlands of Westernport from AGL"s proposed gas terminal

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Dear Committee Members,

Wetlands play a vital role in the functioning of global ecosystems, from migratory bird and fish breeding to storing carbon from the atmosphere. Victoria is blessed to have diverse wetland environments, all with unique characteristics, plants, animals, fish and insects.

I am deeply concerned by the current AGL proposal to bring a Floating Storage and Regasification ship to Westernport Bay. I feel this ship presents a real threat to Westernport's fragile mangrove ecosystem. This is the most southerly mangrove system in the world and is home to threatened migratory birds like the Eastern Curlew.

I am concerned about AGL's proposal for two key reasons.

First, I'm worried about the proposed ship's direct impact on the mangroves, fish, birds and other life in the bay as a result of being permanently parked in the bay and dumping cooled and chlorinated water and about increased boat traffic.

Second, I'm deeply troubled that our state is considering a new fossil fuel project. Why import gas when we should instead be supporting households, business and industry to transition to renewable energy alternatives?

Thank you for the opportunity to share of my concerns about the proposed AGL ship. I am passionate about wetland conservation across Victoria.

I look forward to great outcomes for our wetlands as a result of this inquiry.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely, nu lynch

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