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Dear Committee Members,

There have been many environmental red flags raised in regards to AGL's proposed establishment of A Floating Storage and Regasification ship in Westernport Bay.

The bay is home to a complex wetlands system which plays 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 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. I'm also worried about increased boat traffic to fill the ship, and the impact this may have on marine animals like whales.

Second, at a time when the impacts of climate change are more and more felt, I feel that it is crazy that our state is considering a new fossil fuel project.

We should instead be supporting households, business and industry to transition to renewable energy alternatives, and concentrating on producing Alternative energy ourselves.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the committee aware of my concerns about the AGL proposal, and I urge you to put protection of our fragile environment at the forefront of your decision, and reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Murphy
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