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Subject: Protect the wetlands of Westernport from hydrogen exports and AGL's proposed gas terminal and
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Dear Committee Members,

I welcome a review of the government's response to the Victorian Auditor General's report:- Meeting Obligations to Protect Ramsar Wetlands.

I represented nine environment groups in a meeting in Switzerland with the Ramsar Secretariat in 2014. Our concern then and now was primarily about Westernport.

We from WPPC are worried about the hydrogen exports port proposed for Hastings. Japanese ships could bring in marine-pests. We have sent a letter from 8 environment groups asking for Marine-pest monitoring, this has been rejected by the Hydrogen Energy Supply

We are also opposed to by the current AGL proposal to bring a Floating Storage and Regasification ship to Westernport Bay. We think this is likely to degrade a fantastic cove of Westernport.

First, I'm worried about the proposed ship's direct impact on squid, 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 fish that rely on sound to locate rocky reefs.

Two new fossil fuel projects are backward , regrettable steps.

I commend your efforts for wetland conservation across Victoria.

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

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,

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