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

I spent a lot of time around the mangroves of Westernport Bay when I was a child. I feel a personal connection to the area but I don't live there or own property in the area. I feel gravely concerned about the threat to the ecological importance of the area posed by AGL's proposed gas terminal.

The world is losing species at an alarming rate and bushfire seasons are getting worse every year. It would be extremely disappointing if Victoria allowed a project that not only threatens the habitats of migratory birds and marine life but will also release stored carbon and burn fossil fuels.

As I'm sure you know, 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. We have a responsibility to protect our wetlands for future generations.

AGL's ship will have a 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 concerned increased boat traffic to fill the ship will have a negative impact on marine animals like whales.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the committee aware of my concerns about the proposed AGL ship.

Yours sincerely,
Freyja McCarthy
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