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To: BoardSec <BoardSec@oeb.ca>
Subject: Enbridge 2021 Dawn ParkwayExpansion, #EB-2019-0159 - Comments

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to respond to the OEB's request for public feedback on the Enbridge 2021 Dawn Parkway Expansion, #EB-2019-0159. It is my firmly held opinion that the OEB's should include impacts related to the methods of upstream natural gas extraction for natural gas that will be transported through the pipeline and the impacts related to the ultimate downstream consumption of the natural gas transported through the pipeline.

Furthermore, it is critically necessary that the OEB recognize that the City of Hamilton declared a climate emergency in March 2019 and take this into consideration in their review. There are risks and costs associated with more greenhouse gas pollution and the development/operations of these industries—are these risks at all compatible with the increasingly adverse impacts of climate change?

The world's foremost climate scientists warned in October 2018 that the globe must cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least half by 2030, and the warnings have only become more dire since. Humanity is rapidly running out of time to transform our economic and redefine our relationship to the land, this means no more business as usual and certainly implies that the climate crisis will be keenly included in all future development projects (especially those which transport natural gas). There is a deep connection between our current climate emergency and the fossil fuel industry, and it is unacceptable that these companies retain and gain greater control over the future of our planet.

In order to proceed in any development in good faith, the OEB must hold a fully transparent oral hearing. This is the very least that the OEB can do.

I await your response. I expect your action.

Regards,

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