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**Subject:** Natural gas expansion is no climate solution for Ontario

To Ontario Energy Board,

Stop going backwards with your energy programs. You are constantly putting the future of our population and planet at risk.

Increasing natural gas pipeline capacity does not square with Ontario's environment plan which relies on a significant decrease in natural gas emissions to meet its carbon pollution reductions.

Fossil fuel project reviews, such as of Enbridge's Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline, must consider the climate impacts of upstream extraction and downstream consumption.

Pipeline reviews need to assess the economic risks of projects in the face of global commitments to reduce fossil fuel use, especially when Ontario ratepayers subsidize pipeline costs. You are constantly wasting our money and telling us that it is for our own good and that we have asked for this waste. And we haven't. Just like we didn't ever ever ask for new licence plates that cannot be read at night.

OEB reviews of energy projects need to consider alternatives like investments in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy.

Pipeline assessments need to seriously consider impacts to species at risk and ecosystems from construction and leaks. Those ecological studies need to happen before a review is conducted, not after.

Hold a fully transparent oral hearing, open to the public. The Enbridge Dawn-Parkway pipeline proposal affects all people living in Ontario. You cannot hide your actions from the public in these days of social media. We are watching you and will remember the next time that we vote.

Terry McCrorie

