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Subject: OEB needs to consider climate impacts of Enbridge gas pipeline

To Ontario Energy Board,

I am concerned about the proposed fracked gas Dawn-Parkway pipeline.

Why are we increasing fracked gas imports from the US when we are in a climate emergency? This pipeline would not only be paid for by consumers in Ontario, it would increase greenhouse gas pollution by more than 300% by 2025 and invade ecologically significant wetlands. This makes no sense when all our attention, at this time of climate emergency, should be turning towards renewables - solar and wind.

Ontario's environment plan relies on a significant decrease in natural gas emissions to meet its carbon pollution reductions, not the kind of increase that would come from this pipeline. There will also be climate impacts upstream of this proposed pipeline in the US as well as the impacts of consuming this gas. OEB reviews of energy projects need to consider alternatives like investments in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy.

The review of this pipeline proposal must also assess the economic risks of projects. Globally, there are commitments to reduce fossil fuel use. This pipeline doesn't fit with these commitments and it would be Ontarians who would be subsidizing the pipeline costs and losing their investment when fossil fuels are reduced and eventually eliminated from worldwide use.

Finally, there will be significant impacts to species at risk and the ecosystems due to construction and the inevitable leaks from pipelines. There are not yet any ecological studies to indicate these risks and these risks must be part of the assessment of the project.

I demand that there be a fully transparent, open to the public, oral hearing for the Unbridle Dawn-Parkway pipeline. It affects all people living in Ontario and Ontarians deserve the truth.

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