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

To Ontario Energy Board,

The Enbridge Gas Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline expansion is directly opposed to Ontario's environmental plan and makes a mockery of any efforts to reduce carbon emissions to combat global warming. It is imperative that any environmental assessment of this project focus on the impacts of carbon emissions from source extractions as well as carbon release from consumption. This is essential to providing an honest assessment of the economic risks of global commitments to reduce fossil fuel use, especially as the citizens of Ontario are going to pay for this pipeline expansion through increases to gas rates. There needs to be an upfront assessment of the impact on species at risk and biological sensitive areas like wet lands that are directly impacted by this project from construction disturbances and the inevitable pipeline leaks. Ontario needs to take a leadership role in developing proven alternatives energy sources like energy efficiencies, renewable energy sources like hydro and conservation to fossil fuel projects like this expansion project. As we have learned from recent national responses to construction oil and gas pipelines it is imperative that hearings on this expansion proposal be transparent and open to the public as this project will effect everyone in Ontario.

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