



HPE CM: Letter of Comment, EB-2019-0159 FW: OEB needs to consider climate impacts of Enbridge gas pipeline Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:17:07 PM

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

To Ontario Energy Board,

Thank you for receiving my letter of opposition to the proposed Dawn Parkway Pipeline.

In this time of climate emergency, the Dawn Parkway Pipeline would bring an increase in Ontario emissions which is unacceptable.

In addition, fracked gas releases methane at the source compounding it's contribution to global warming while polluting groundwater. We should not be supporting fracking.

I have a 13 year old son, and I take the fight against climate change VERY SERIOUSLY. So should the Ontario government. You will not be re-elected with your negligence in fighting climate change. Your inaction is doing direct harm to all of our children's future. You should not have cancelled renewable energy projects when you cancelled cap and trade. You should not have cancelled cap and trade to begin with. Ontario now has to make up for lost time fighting climate change.

Instead of building this pipeline, Enbridge should invest the money in energy efficiency programs to reduce its customers' gas bills and pollution.

In addition, the Province of Ontario can make a deal to import low-cost water power from Quebec to avoid the need to increase output from our gas plants. Quebec Premier Francois Legault has repeatedly offered to sell Ontario power at a bargain rate under a long-term contract. (https://montreal.ctvnews.ca/door-closed-on-hydro-sales-to-ontario-doug-ford-1.4710621)

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. Ontario must not allow this pipeline to be built.

Fossil fuel project reviews, such as of Enbridge's Dawn-Parkway gas pipeline:

must consider the climate impacts of upstream extraction and downstream consumption.
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.

- 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.

It should be self-evident that this project is wrongheaded and should not be allowed. If consideration is going ahead however, please hold a fully transparent oral hearing, open to the public.

