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Sent: Friday, March 6, 2020 6:03 PM **To:** BoardSec <BoardSec@oeb.ca>

Subject: Natural gas expansion is no climate solution for Ontario

To Ontario Energy Board,

Dear Energy Regulators,

I am angry to learn of Enbridge's pipeline proposal through Hamilton. Natural gas (methane) has been discredited as a bridge fuel to renewables because its potential to increase Climate Change in the short run is far greater than CO2.

The fugitive methane leaks from fracking and transmission of natural gas are contributing to climate change. These must be included in an environmental assessment of the proposed pipeline.

The government should be spending money on energy conservation grants and on renewable energy rather than promoting development of a commodity that must be phased out quickly to meet the goal of reducing climate change impacts.

Switching to using hydrogen in existing natural gas pipelines would be a far better investment of tax payer money. The economic risks of investing tax payers' money in an industry that major investment firms have advised against investing in is not fiscally responsible behaviour.

The public deserves a full open Hearing to assess this project as greenhouse gas emissions do not just affect those in the proposed area of construction.

Noelle Reeve