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To Ontario Energy Board,

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. 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.

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