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I am writing to voice my objection to the Ontario's Natural Gas Expansion Plan that is being proposed and promoted for Selwyn Township. This type of energy project is dated and expensive.

The United Nations' most recent IPCC report is clear that "Our world needs climate action on all fronts: everything, everywhere, all at once." We must direct funding to proven, cost-effective, widely available climate solutions. These do not include expanding natural gas use and building pipelines at a time when 150 other countries, including Canada, have set targets to reduce natural gas emissions by 40 - 45% by 2030.

As a resident in The Kawartha's, an area that suffered considerable damage from the Derecho storm last May, a storm that was caused by our warming climate, I am frustrated that our province, and our municipalities, are continuing to advance harmful energy technologies.

Some things to consider:

- As I understand from recent articles by John Woodside and information I have received from other area residents, the Enbridge's application before the OEB, is proposing an expansion to its gas network that will require collecting more than \$16 billion from customers over the coming years to pay for the new pipelines, as well as operating and maintenance costs. If approved, the plan includes replacing existing pipes and installing new ones to 43 rural communities, and 8750 connections across the province at a cost of \$27,000 per customer.
- We need now from our leadership is forward thinking. It seems that the increased costs of gas that Enbridge wants and probable consequent accelerated decline in demand for gas hook-ups make a very strong case for the OEB not supporting Enbridge's \$16 billion expansion.
- Today there are other heating options; ones less harmful to the atmosphere and more economical. The sale of new gas furnaces is to be phased out in Canada in a few years and carbon taxes will increase the cost of gas to consumers. I am supportive of all levels of government assistance to help residents make transitions to a more sustainable future. Our are options shouldn't be limited by policies that favour only one path forward. There are

now so many excellent ones to fit a variety of individual situations.
I strongly request that the OEB reject this, and other similar applications, to help municipalities and Canada achieve their climate targets of reduced GHG emissions.

Please note that I would like to receive notification of updates on this application.

Sincerely,

Patty Macdonald