



LETITION

AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

12 Apostles Gas Field Victoria

Lily D'Ambrosio
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Date: 09-Jun-2024

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Dear Lily D'Ambrosio

This Leticion is being sent to Victorian State Parliamentarians to inform them that the community is strongly opposed to approval of the Beach Energy 12 Apostles Gas Field, located on Keerray Woorroong land and sea country.

We note this approval was announced sneakily near the end of a [media release](#) on 6 June 2024 highlighting the advancement of renewable projects (which we applaud).

Approval of this fossil gas project appears to go against numerous peer reviewed science articles (1, 2, 3), the IPCC, and various recent International Energy Agency reports such as [Oil and gas industry faces moment of truth – and opportunity to adapt – as clean energy transitions advance](#) (November 2023), which all argue there is no room for new fossil fuel projects to meet agreed climate targets.

The decision comes just hours after the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on World Environment Day [declared](#) "The truth is the battle for 1.5°C degrees will be won or lost in the 2020s under the watch of leaders today. All depends on the decisions those leaders take – or fail to take – especially in the next 18 months. It's climate crunch time."

We fear, Premier Allan and Minister D'Ambrosio, you have already failed us in approving the Beach Energy project.

This is a shame as Victoria has adopted ambitious targets, and updated the Gas Substitution Roadmap with some innovative electrification and efficiency programs to achieve those targets.

I am very concerned about the natural disasters and extreme weather events escalating across the globe. We only have this decade to prevent runaway global warming and we must take urgent action to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The UN Secretary-General highlighted that our Global Carbon Budget to meet the 1.5°C goal will run out in just five years. Further, according to the European Copernicus Climate System [latest report](#), the 12 month temperature trend above pre-industrial temperatures for June 2023 to May 2024 reached 1.63°C.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) also issued a [report](#) highlighting the urgency of climate action and estimating 80 per cent likelihood of at least one year temporarily exceeding 1.5°C between 2024-2028. There is a 47 per cent chance 2024 to 2028 will be above the long term 1.5°C Paris Climate Target.

As a Victorian constituent, I call on the Victorian Government to reverse this approval.

I thank you for your attention. When are you able to hold a community meeting in the near future about this very urgent matter?

Yours sincerely

Signed

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