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Carbon Capture Storage is “Greenwashing” Federal Members

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Dear Hon Richard Marles MP

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is a key element of the Albanese government's Future Gas Strategy and was allocated \$36.2m over four years in the May 2024 budget. This is a waste of taxpayers' money. CCS is an ineffective, expensive, energy-intensive and counter-productive method of reducing carbon emissions.

Most of the 30 operating projects in the world use compressed CO₂ to recover the remaining oil in depleted sources which is then burned to produce even more carbon emissions. The largest single CCS project in the world, Chevron's Gorgon venture off the West Australian coast, has captured just [under 5 million tonnes](#) or about 12% of the project's total emissions and cost an estimated \$3.1 billion. Every year [it leaks millions of tonnes of greenhouse gas pollution](#) and has met only a fraction of its obligations.

According to the IPCC, even if CCS reached its full potential by 2030, it would result [in only 2.4% mitigation](#), compared with 80% from positive mitigation measures such as renewable energy, electrification, efficiency measures and reducing fugitive methane emissions. At best, CCS has a marginal role to play. The UN Secretary General has [called out CCS as "greenwashing"](#).

CCS relies on government handouts, tax breaks and questionable offsets. Its key proponents are fossil fuel corporations who use it to divert attention away from the carbon emissions they are producing.

The public funds being wasted on CCS would be vastly more effective if invested in renewables, electrification, efficiency measures, and reducing fugitive methane emissions. CCS allows for ongoing burning of fossil fuels at a time when we urgently need to stop and move to renewables.

I therefore put these questions to you for reply:

- Will you advocate for an independent review of CCS and a rigorous regulatory regime??
- Will you argue against the investment of public funds in CCS?
- Will you promote investment in positive carbon reduction initiatives?

When can you as a Member of Parliament call a local meeting to explain why new gas and coal developments must continue?

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,