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To whom this may concern,

I am [REDACTED] a Philosophy undergraduate and Swinburne University and household and aspiring professional ecologist.

There is no room our ecological system for ANY new fossil fuel projects to begin. This project is beyond what its acceptable by even the most conservative of environmental estimates.

Below are a series of reasons collected by the 'Save Westernport' organisation as to why this project cannot be afforded by earths ecology:

We oppose Esso's application PA2201534 due to

- unacceptable risks to the climate and to human health,
- impacts on air quality from increased air pollutants,
- Esso's failed community consultation on the project's impacts
- increased GH gas emissions and industrial noise at Hastings.
- Esso's plans to generate Electricity using Ethane are untested. No examples of ethane in power generation have been found in Australia or anywhere else in the world.
- All information in Esso's application only refer to Methane
- Esso plans to use Ethane, not Methane to generate electricity
- Esso has failed this community on accountability and transparency, making unsupported and incorrect claims
- It's false to claim it would reduce the need to flare gas, or "it will have good outcomes for the community and environment".
- Claims that the generators "will use excess ethane, with an operational period of 8 to 12 years" are at odds with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council's Climate Emergency Response Plan, and its aims to support sustainable energy alternatives, and to transition from gas to renewable energy as a matter of extreme urgency.

Plant closures in Altona mean that Esso has lost their only customer for Ethane, the main byproduct of their gas processing plant at Long Island Point in Hastings.

Since no one will take their ethane and there's nowhere else it can go, unless Esso can urgently find an alternate use for their byproduct and get it approved, Esso's operations at Long Island Point will soon become UNVIABLE.

But rather than exploring this inevitable outcome, Esso is trying to sneak a new gas fired Power Station past decision-makers and Peninsula residents— cutting corners on the assessment process and making false and misleading claims about the project and its implications.

the EPA must urgently consider these reasons and the health of not just the Australian general public but of all forms of life on this planet. We are all responsible for each others homes as our natural environment is intrinsically interconnected.

For more information please contact or visit Save Westernport's various web pages.

Thank you

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