

**Submission
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**MINERALS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (OFFSHORE DRILLING AND
ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE PROHIBITION) BILL 2023**

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PEP11 is not an immediate solution to the east coast energy crisis. It will take many years for the gas from PEP11 to be produced and brought to market. By that time, renewable energy is likely to have progressed significantly and our dependence on gas may have diminished.

It will not provide long-term energy security. Gas is a finite resource, and we need to start transitioning to renewable energy sources if we want to secure our energy future.

It is not a sustainable option. Gas production and use contributes to climate change, which is a major threat to our planet.

It is opposed by the local community. Many people who live in the area around PEP11 are opposed to the project, citing concerns about its environmental impact and its visual impact on the coastline.

It is not economically viable. The cost of developing and operating PEP11 is high, and it is not clear that the project will be profitable.

In conclusion, there are a number of reasons why the PEP11 should not be approved. It is not an immediate solution to the east coast energy crisis, it is not a long-term energy security option, it is not sustainable, it is opposed by the local community, and it is not economically viable.