

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

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To the Members of the NSW Parliament,

I am writing to express my objection to the proposed oil exploration off Sydney's coastline, known as PEP 11.

The potential environmental risks associated with oil exploration and drilling are well documented. The potential for oil spills and other accidents poses a significant threat to the marine ecosystem, including the diverse range of species that call it home. The impact of such an event would be devastating, not only for the environment but also for the local communities that rely on the ocean for their livelihoods.

Furthermore, at a time when we should be transitioning away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy sources, it is concerning that we are considering opening up new areas for oil exploration. This is not in line with our commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change.

I urge you to reconsider the proposal for oil exploration off Sydney's coastline and instead focus on developing sustainable, renewable energy sources that will benefit both our environment and our economy.

Thank you for considering my views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

James Benjamin