

**Submission  
No 37**

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

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Thank you for your effort to make this bill effective and watertight. We cannot allow offshore drilling for petroleum or gas off our coast.

I am sure you will have extensive expert advice outlining the potential environmental damage from the devastating effect of seismic testing, habitat disruption and the potential of extensive pollution.

I want to suggest that under clause e) any other related matter you address the fact that the greenhouse gas emissions from such a development would add a catastrophic amount to our total emissions putting us well beyond any hope of limiting global temperature rise below 2 degrees. This alone is a compelling reason to prevent this development. In this age of global boiling we cannot contemplate opening up any new gas extraction.