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POLICY ASKS

1. Pass the Climate Emergency Measures Bill
2. Stop Shannon LNG
3. Ban the importation of fracked gas into Ireland
4. Ban offshore fossil fuel exploration

A Fossil Free Future

For the Earth to remain a safe operating space for humanity and to maintain global temperatures at less than 2°C above pre-industrial levels, 80% of the known fossil fuels must stay in the groundⁱ. We must not pursue any further fossil fuel exploration nor construct any new fossil fuel infrastructure.

1. Pass the Climate Emergency Measures Bill

This Bill proposes to ban the issuing of new licences for offshore fossil fuel explorationⁱⁱ. The Bill is currently at Committee stage. The Committee will soon vote on the Bill, after which a potentially amended Bill will be returned to the Dáil. We ask TDs to vote in favour of this Bill when it returns to the Dáil.

2. Stop Shannon LNG

Shannon LNG, a huge liquefied natural gas terminal with the capacity to process 3 million tonnes of gas per yearⁱⁱⁱ, is planned for Ballylongford, Co. Kerry, with US company New Fortress Energy seeking to start construction in early 2019. This project is actively supported by the government^{iv}. To have any chance of maintaining temperature rise below 1.5C, European countries must get out of gas by 2026^v. We urge you to actively oppose this project in the Dáil.

3. Ban the importation of fracked gas into Ireland

Ireland banned fracking in 2017 because of the dangers to communities and the environment^{vi}. However, we allow fracked gas in the Irish energy mix, disregarding the impacts on communities where this gas is extracted^{vii}. On a full life cycle basis, fracked gas is a dirtier fossil fuel than coal^{viii}. In 2019, Not Here Not Anywhere, with other groups, will call for an amendment to the Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Bill to ban the importation of fracked gas. We ask that you support this amendment and in the interim raise this issue in the Dáil.

4. Ban offshore fossil fuel exploration

Offshore fossil fuel exploration is ongoing in Ireland, with drilling planned in the North Celtic Sea Basin for Summer 2019^{ix}. We call for an immediate moratorium on all offshore fossil fuel exploration, as has been put in place in Belize^x. Offshore drilling has devastating impacts on local communities and marine health^{xi}, producing toxic chemicals that accumulate in the seafood supply^{xii}, and threatening Ireland's €7.8bn tourism industry^{xiii} and €1.1 seafood industry^{xiv}, which together employ over 230,000 people.

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