

Geelong citizens against floating gas terminal

Community group calls on planning Minister to reject Corio Bay gas terminal

The community group Geelong Sustainability has called on Geelong residents to petition the state planning minister Richard Wynne to reject the gas import terminal proposed by Viva Energy for Corio Bay.

Viva's proposal was the subject of a community briefing last night which was attended by more than 100 people.

Event organiser Sally Fisher said the number of people who attended the briefing "exceeded our expectations and indicates significant community concern about the gas import terminal."

The briefing covered what this proposal might mean for Geelong and Victoria's energy, business, economic, recreation, environment and climate future.

Given the implications of the proposal, a key aspect of the briefing was an outline of the Environmental Effects Statement process, how it runs and opportunities to participate in this.

Ms Fisher said "Viva's proposal takes our community in the wrong direction. Fossil fuels like gas and coal are on the way out. Viva should focus on 100 percent clean energy instead.

"Viva says it supports the transition to cleaner sources of power but so far the only detailed proposal is to import gas, a dirty, polluting fuel that can be as damaging to our climate as coal."

"Geelong can be a renewable energy hub. We have the infrastructure, skilled workforce, and proud manufacturing heritage to position our city as the place for a rapidly growing clean energy industry, especially given our proximity to the big battery planned for Moorabool.

The petition to the Minister can be found here <https://www.geelongsustainability.org.au/grng/>

About Geelong Sustainability

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