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**SHANNON LNG U.S. FRACKED
GAS IMPORT TERMINAL,
600 MW POWER STATION
AND 8 DATA CENTRES
PROPOSED FOR
TARBERT,
CO. KERRY**



Because methane has a half-life of 12 years, reducing methane emissions can slow the rate of global warming dramatically - by up to half a degree celsius.

One third of the total increase in global methane emissions over the decade up to 2019 came from US fracked gas.

Fracking must be stopped, not expanded, if we are to have any hope of slowing global warming.



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1 The Carbon Budget Choice is FARMING OR FRACKING

Shannon LNG = the methane emissions of 450,000 dairy cattle or 1 million beef cattle

- Locking our limited carbon budget into fracked gas powering Shannon LNG's proposed development means even more of the national herd will have to be culled and food production in Ireland reduced at a time of pending world food shortages.
- The production and transport of LNG causes up to 10 times the carbon emissions of the pipeline gas from the UK network currently supplying gas to Ireland.
- Importing US fracked gas to Tarbert would have a 44% higher carbon-equivalent footprint over a 20-year period than importing coal to Moneypoint power station in County Clare.
- Fracking pollutes and poisons water, land and people. North Kerry forms part of the Clare Gas Basin and was targeted for fracking in 2011. This stopped when Ireland banned fracking in 2017. It is unacceptable to now impose fracking damage on other rural communities abroad.

2 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, NOT GAS SUPPLY

Is causing the risk of blackouts

- There is no lack of gas supply in the country, only a lack of power stations to power the grid.
- Data centres are currently using 14% of the country's electricity supply, which is more than the electricity consumed by all the rural homes in the country, and this figure is predicted to rise to 30% within the next 8 years. The Ennis data centre, which Clare County Council approved in August, will consume as much electricity as 200,000 homes.

3 IRREGULAR PAYMENTS of €4.1 million to Kerry County Council by Shannon LNG

raise very serious ethical questions

- €2.4 million was paid after Shannon LNG lost planning permission in 2018 and before it lodged its new planning application in 2021.
- There was no obligation on Shannon LNG to pay this money but it paid it anyway (and one councillor even described them as "good faith" payments).
- One payment of €625,000 was paid to Kerry County Council on the same day it had a pre-planning meeting with Shannon LNG and signalled full support for the project.

4 SHANNON LNG WAR PROFITEERING

Neutral Ireland does not import Russian Gas

- Outside of our domestic Corrib gas field, Ireland's gas imports come from the North Sea - from Norway and the UK - via 2 parallel interconnectors.
- Ireland and the UK make up the one gas market. Cutting off UK supply to Ireland would mean cutting off gas to Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.
- Ireland benefits from all the security of supply advantages that the UK currently enjoys such as diverse supply routes and gas storage.
- An LNG terminal would make gas prices even more volatile as LNG cargoes can be diverted to other more-profitable destinations.

TARBERT-BALLYLONGFORD LANDBANK SOLD OFF

The Shannon Estuary Economic Task Force was set up as promised in the Programme for Government to stimulate economic alternatives to the Shannon LNG fracked gas import project.

However, whilst still awaiting a planning decision, the entire 600 acres of the strategic publicly-owned landbank site in Tarbert were sold off, behind our backs, to Shannon LNG in late 2021 for €25 million, at a time when it was clearly contrary to the official government policy against fracked gas imports to do so. This deliberately undermines the goals of the Task Force.

A Shannon Estuary Sacrifice Zone is a race to the bottom. It is now time to move beyond LNG with better alternatives for all of the Shannon Estuary and its people for the decades going forward.