

SAGUENAY ENERGY

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR A NATURAL GAS LIQUEFACTION COMPLEX IN SAGUENAY

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Comment

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To the President, Mr. Denis Bergeron To the Commissioner, Mr. Laurent Pilotto

Hello, my name is Claire Warmels.

I am a resident of Montreal, and have lived in Quebec for several years. I am concerned about the LNG-Quebec project because of what it will mean for the global climate, and what the repercussions of a warming climate will be for a place like Quebec.

Throughout this province, you'll find little acceptance of the plans for a new LNG export marine port or liquefaction plant – let alone one receiving support from the public purse. A petition saying as much has collected more than 85 000 signatures. Numerous open letters opposing the project have been co-signed by 40 economists, 127 academics, 150 scientists have been published. 250 doctors and health professionals have spoken out against the project, as have numerous community groups, environmentalists, as well as associations. Today, thousands of students mobilized in the field against the project.

We all know it: This project alone would generate emissions in the order of 50 megatonnes of GHG/year² (from extraction to combustion), the equivalent of about 10 million additional cars per year on our roads. As such, the project is incompatible with Quebec's climate goals, and would cancel out 30-years-worth of hard work that everyday citizens of Quebec have put into offsetting their own emissions footprints.

The project would open the doors to exporting the equivalent of more than twice the current gas consumption in Quebec, every year. And for all the talk about carbon neutrality, the LNG-Quebec company has not concretely demonstrated the carbon neutrality of its liquefaction plant, leaving onlookers with only vague plans and scenarios.

Better energy solutions are available – ones that don't put endangered species of the global and local stability at risk. Ones that we must adopt if we are to lead the way in this new era. On behalf of all Quebecers concerned for our future in a warming world, please make the right choice.

Thank you for your time,
Claire Warmels