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Submitted to Talking "Fracking": A Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas

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Community Considerations

1 What are your views on the potential social, community and health impacts of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

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I believe that fracking will pollute our ground water. This will end up poisoning drinking water as well as poisoning agriculture and toxins will enter the food chain. Fracking will also pollute the atmosphere directly as an industrial process and indirectly through the increased use of fossil fuel. Burning gas produces pollution which impacts public health. Furthermore all fossil fuel including gas from fracking leads to carbon dioxide emission. This is totally inconsistent with the Paris climate change agreement. We don't need any increase in fossil fuel which should stay in the ground. We can easily eliminate all fossil fuel in Scotland by use of renewable energy combined with pumped hydro energy storage.

2 What are your views on the community benefit schemes that could apply, were an unconventional oil and gas industry to be developed in Scotland?

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We are all part of a global community when it comes to climate change and pollution. Local bribery is wrong and recipients of bribes should ask themselves what is the reason for their existence on earth. Why are we getting into a situation where capacity for bribery plays a part in determining planning. This is simply wrong.

Economic Considerations

3 What are your views on the potential impact of unconventional oil and gas industry on Scotland's economy and manufacturing sector?

What are your views on the potential impact of unconventional oil and gas industry on Scotland's economy and manufacturing sector?:

This would be a backward step because it would align Scotland's economy with a dying industry whereas renewable energy has been growing at between 10 – 30% world wide every year for the last 20 years approximately. Fossil fuels are out man. Do green hydrogen and pumped hydro instead. Look to the future.

4 What are your views on the potential role of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland's energy mix?

What are your views on the potential role of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland's energy mix?:

Fossil fuel is not needed and increasing fossil fuel is not consistent with the Paris climate change treaty. All we need is renewable energy with plenty of pumped hydro cheap, tried and tested technology, with long life such as 100 years, practically carbon neutral and with zero pollution.

Environmental Considerations

5 What are your views on the potential environmental impacts of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

What are your views on the potential environmental impacts of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?:

Unconventional oil and gas produces pollution which impacts public health. Unconventional oil and gas leads to carbon dioxide emission. This is totally inconsistent with the Paris climate change agreement. We can easily survive in Scotland by use of pure renewable energy combined with pumped hydro energy storage. For instance one very large pumped hydro installation could store all of Scotland's electricity demand for one month. Green hydrogen generated from Scottish rainwater by electrolyzers on wind farms can easily power all transport. Heating can be electrified and district heating systems used with many green solutions.

6 What are your views on the potential climate change impacts of unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

What are your views on the potential climate change impacts of unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?:

Unconventional oil and gas leads to carbon dioxide emission. This is totally inconsistent with the Paris climate change agreement. To adopt unconventional oil and gas would be dishonest and going back on numerous commitments toward decarbonisation.

7 What are your views on the regulatory framework that would apply to an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

What are your views on the regulatory framework that would apply to an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?:

New fossil fuel recovery should be forbidden completely. Lets support decarbonisation with a proper example to the world which Scottish people can be proud of. Show some leadership in support of the Paris agreement and a sustainable future while others may flounder..

Concluding Remarks

8 Overall, and in light of the available evidence, what do you think would be the main benefits, if any, of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

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There are no true benefits from fossil fuel.

9 Overall, and in light of the available evidence, what do you think would be the main risks or challenges, if any, of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?

Overall, and in light of the available evidence, what do you think would be the main risks or challenges, if any, of an unconventional oil and gas industry in Scotland?:

The risks are toward exacerbating anthropogenic climate change due to carbon dioxide, plluting our water, polluting our air. Moreover it would send a signal that Scottish government is dishonest and inconsistent in relation to decarbonisation. Scotland is one of the world leaders in decarbonisation toward a new renewable and sustainable economy but further investment in fossil fuel risks sending us backwards to the industrial dark ages while the rest of the world catches up and overtakes. I recognise that fossil fuel has provided many benefits within industrialisation but we now recognise the great harm being caused and its time to transform to something better. Think of the children.

10 If you have any other comments on the issues discussed in this consultation, please provide them here.

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Thank you for your work. Please do the right thing and stop fracking. Please prohibit any new fossil fuel recovery in Scotland. You can do a great thing and set a great example for the world. Scotland will be loved by the whole world by a commitment to total decarbonisation.

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