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To Whom it May Concern,

I write in support of A Different Approach Community's opposition to the proposed Viva gas terminal for Corio Bay in the port of Geelong.

In 2021 the United Nations Environment Programme found that the continued, long-term global expansion in gas production is inconsistent with the Paris Agreement's temperature limits. As stated by the United Nations Secretary General in March 2022 we need urgent, transformative efforts from all countries to eliminate coal and stop expanding oil and gas exploration to keep warming to 1.5 degrees. The UNIPCC has stated with very high confidence that global warming, reaching 1.5 degrees Celsius in the near term would cause unavoidable increases in multiple climate hazards and present multiple risks to ecosystems and humans.

The proposed floating gas terminal at Corio Bay is in contravention of this intention to stop expanding oil and gas to keep warming to 1.5 degrees. In addition the terminal allegedly presents a threat to marine life and fishing. Geelong Port has stated in its 16-page submission that the environmental effects statement was 'materially deficient'.

Safety concerns about the proposal include the possibility that the pipeline could possibly leak or an accident could occur at the terminal, leading to an explosion.

I would urge the Victorian Planning Department to consider the negative impacts the proposed floating gas import terminal would have on Australia's emissions reductions plans, its immediate environment and to the safety of surrounding communities when assessing this proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zali Steggall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'Z' and 'S'.

**Zali Steggall OAM, MP**  
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