



Zali Steggall MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WARRINGAH

The Hon. Keith Pitt MP
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

I write to you regarding *Petroleum Exploration Permit 11* (PEP 11). The permit area exists adjacent to the coastal boundaries of Warringah. Many constituents have written to me with their concerns about PEP 11.

PEP 11 is due to expire by next February unless renewed. The project proponents, Advent Energy Pty. Ltd and Bounty Oil NL, are seeking a renewal of the permit and variation of the conditions to allow for exploratory drilling.

Offshore oil and gas exploration and production in PEP 11 could have consequences for our ecosystems, tourism businesses, coastal communities and climate. Under no circumstances should it proceed.

I also wish to raise concerns on the governance of the current system. Community members have found that the system does not offer opportunities for community consultation prior to the environmental impact stage.

There is no visibility or updates on the progress of existing applications on the NOPTA website. This is generating a high level of uncertainty and anxiety for those community members.

I urge you to reject the application to renew and any move to vary the permit conditions at the earliest possible stage. I note that both the Federal Member for MacKellar, Jason Falinski MP, and the State Member for Manly, James Griffin MP have both stated their opposition to PEP 11.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zali Steggall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Zali Steggall OAM MP
Federal Member for Warringah**