

— OPEN LETTER —

MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIA

FROM JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA AND TAIWAN

Dear Australia,

Please stop building new gas projects.

Japan, South Korea and Taiwan buy 60% of your gas exports. While gas is a significant part of our energy systems now, it will not be in the future. Climate change means that we need to use less gas, not more.

Australia should not develop new gas projects - not for additional supply to Japan, Korea, Taiwan, or anywhere else. This is the view of the United Nations, the International Energy Agency, scientists around the globe and the communities we represent.

Expanding gas supply does not contribute to regional security. It undermines our security by fuelling the climate chaos we are beginning to witness.

Japan already buys more gas than it needs and profits by on-selling Australian gas to other countries. Japan can achieve 90% clean electricity by 2035, nearly eliminating the need for imported gas. Koreans overwhelmingly favour renewable energy and our research shows that solar and wind are already cheaper than gas-fired electricity in Korea, with energy storage costs also declining quickly. Taiwan is about to implement a carbon price and already has a rooftop solar mandate, policies that will reduce the role of gas in our energy system.

New gas projects in Australia are not in our interests and, considering your government's policy of giving gas to multinational corporations for free, not in your interests either.

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