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## Robin Chapple MLC outraged over leaked reports of gas expansion to NCCC

Greens WA Member for Mining and Pastoral Region, Robin Chapple MLC has referred to leaked reports to the NCCC recommending large scale gas infrastructure projects for WA's recovery as "despicable".

Mr Chapple has slammed the proposals outlined in the Guardian Australia article "*Leaked COVID-19 Commission report calls for Australian taxpayers to underwrite gas industry*" and a leaked report it mentions as a "waste of taxpayer money" and a course that will "bring untold harm to WA".

"We know climate change is real, so for the government to be considering spending billions on projects that will make the next global emergency even worse is ludicrous"

Mr Chapple also commented on the limited scope of the report offered to the committee that fail to take into account climate change, Australia's emissions obligations or the underestimated emissions contributions that gas makes to the environment.

"We have studies now showing gas emissions are up to 40% more potent than we were previously told – not to mention that renewable energy backed with storage is the cheapest means to generate new electricity – this is just a blatant, last minute cash grab by fossil fuel industries

"Right now, there is an opportunity to transform WA into a world leader in renewable energy, with sustainable jobs that will carry us into the future; both fixing our economy and abating our emissions

"The lack of job security that has characterised the fossil fuel industry in the last few months demonstrates that not only are fossil fuels a dying industry, they are a volatile one - at that!"

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