

Minister Fergus O'Dowd
Minister of State
Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
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Dear Minister O'Dowd

We understand that you have been delegated the power to grant Licences for Unconventional Gas Exploration and Extraction.

We also understand that Enegi Oil plc and Tamboran Resources have recently applied for Exploration Licences in areas where they currently hold Licencing Options.

We are aware that the EPA has been commissioned to coordinate a new research study on the Environmental Impacts of Unconventional Gas Exploration and Extraction; also that the Government have made a commitment not to allow hydraulic fracturing before this study is completed and considered. This study is expected to be completed sometime in 2014. We are also aware that major relevant studies are being carried out currently in the US and also the EU, also to be completed in 2014/2015

Given that there are major concerns around the impacts on the environment and on public health of the whole process of unconventional gas extraction, not just the stage of hydraulic fracturing, we consider that the granting of any further on-shore unconventional gas Exploration Licences would be against the common good.

We therefore demand that the Government gives a commitment that no further licences will be granted for On-shore Unconventional Gas Exploration or Extraction.

Yours sincerely

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