

**IRISH MEP'S position vote 11 September (postponed)**

reply to Ineke re. Template letter composed by Geert and Antoine and a reminder the day before the voting.

Highlights in red by Ineke

Will vote in favour of amendments 31 and 79

Paul Murphy  
Marian Harkin  
Pat the Cope Gallagher  
Jim Higgins  
Brian Crowley

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**Paul Murphy**

Thanks for your email and your continued work on this.

You can count on Paul's support on amendments **31 and 79**.

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Thank you for your email regarding last week's vote on Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs.)

I voted in favour of mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments, to be carried out both for the exploration and production phases of all unconventional fossil fuel projects. I also voted in favour of the report as a whole and voted to maintain and strengthen the ability of the public to access information regarding EIAs.

The fact that the right-wing in the Parliament wanted to remove even such a limited provision, demonstrates that the fight against fracking must continue. It is positive to see such good work being done by campaigners on this issue - it clearly has had an effect. We need to push now for a full ban on fracking and for public investment in green technology as an environmentally friendly alternative.

Below is a link to my speech in the Parliament on the matter which you may find of interest.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HE9iEINjByU>

If you would like to discuss this further with me or if there is anything that I can do to assist with the campaign against fracking, please feel free to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Paul

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**Marian Harkin**

**Zanoni report - Environmental Impact Assessment Directive**

Thank you for your email regarding the Zanoni report.

Mr Zanoni is a colleague of mine and a member of our ALDE political group in the European Parliament, and I am fully supportive of his report.

Also, it is important to note that there will be a number of amendments to the report - one in particular refers to the impact on property prices because of the building of certain infrastructures.

I will be fully supportive of this amendment also, which aims to protect home owners.

I will let you know after the vote tomorrow evening what amendments were accepted

Thank you, and kind regards,

A Chara,

Thank you for your emails regarding the Zanoni Report which will be voted on tomorrow in Strasbourg. I have already sent a short email informing you of the delay on the vote last month.

I will be voting in favour of amendments **31 and 79** which call for a mandatory environmental impact assessment to be carried out for both the exploration and production phases of all unconventional fuel projects. I will also vote **against amendment 112**. There may be some other amendments which will only be available on Monday and I will keep a close eye to ensure coherence in my voting.

Some of you I know are very interested in the cross-border aspect and there are a number of amendments (**2, 4, 17, 30, 32, 41, 59, 67, & 116**) which I have attached for your information on this issue. I will be supporting these amendments. They may give some minimum level of protection in cross border areas.

There are also a number of amendments on public health (**Amendments 1, 54, 81, 82, 83, 101, 103, 113 & 129**) which I will also be supporting and I attach them above for your information.

I will be back in contact next week following the vote.

Many thanks again for showing an interest in this issue

### **Emer Costello**

Thank you for your email. The Zanoni report is due to be voted on Wednesday and I will give very careful consideration to your recommendations before the vote.

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### **Liam Aylward**

A Chara,

Thank you for your email and for raising your concerns regarding the Zanoni Report.

The issues you have raised will be brought to the attention of Mr Aylward ahead of the vote.

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### **Pat the Cope Gallagher**

Thank you for your email concerning this week's plenary vote on the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive.

I wish to acknowledge receipt and confirm that your views will be brought to Mr Gallagher's attention before he votes on Wednesday.

Dear Ineke,

Thank you for your email on this important matter. First and foremost,

I will vote in support of amendments **31 and 79**

as I fully agree with the importance of conducting an impact assessment at the evaluation stage. The potential consequences of fracking are such that the utmost caution is required.

Secondly, the Parliament was due to vote today on the EIA Report by Andrea Zanoni, however,

a decision was taken to postpone the vote to the October session as some Members felt that there was insufficient debate on the topic to allow a vote to proceed.

That said, you can be assured of my support in October.

With regards

Pat the Cope Gallagher MEP

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**Sean Kelly**

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to this issue. I can confirm that I will be supporting amendments **31 and 79**. I would like to thank you for your input into this important issue.

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**Nessa Childers**

Thank you for your recent e-mail and the issues raised therein, which will be brought to Nessa's attention.

Please be assured that Nessa shares your concerns and will endeavour to take them into consideration.

Thank you once again for bringing this important issue to our attention.

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**Brian Crowley**

Thank you for your email to Brian regarding the Zononi report and amendments **31 and 79** e.

Yours is one of many emails Brian has received in relation to this.

Please be assured I have passed on your concerns to him.

Thank you for your email of 7th October last. Yours is one of many I received in relation to this issue. As you may be aware, the European Parliament proposed that exploration and hydraulic fracturing activities for non-conventional hydrocarbons should be subject to environmental impact studies, in adopting an amendment to existing EU legislation and further, suggested measures to prevent conflicts of interest and to ensure that the public is informed and consulted. My Fianna Fail colleagues and I also voted to bring in environmental impact assessments for pylons but unfortunately this measure was not passed. The final vote has been referred back to committee.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Kind regards

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**Jim Higgins**

Dear Mr Ineke Scholte ,

Thank you for your very informative email.

As you may be aware the EIA vote was postponed from the previous Strasbourg, however Mr Higgins will definitely vote in favour of amendments **31 and 79**, these amendments call for mandatory Environmental Impact Assessments to be carried out for both the exploration and

production phase of all unconventional fossil fuel projects.  
Please do not hesitate to contact the office if I can be of further assistance

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**GAY MITCHELL**

Thank you for your email. It is my intention to vote in favour of mandatory impact assessments on relevant projects for shale gas on the upcoming Zanoni report. Therefore I will be voting in favour of Amendments **31 and 79**. Regarding amendment 112, I understand that further discussions will be held to find an agreement on this issue between political groups. Therefore, further amendments may be tabled which could have an impact on amendment **112. I will consider my position on this amendment** once discussions have been concluded.