

## IESO Engagement

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To the IESO:

Please consider my input as you discuss the phase out of gas-fired plants in Ontario.

Like the coal power phase out of the past, phasing out the fossil fuel gas-fired plants is vital for reaching our GHG reduction targets to stay below 1.5 C degrees global heating. As a resident of Muskoka and member of Climate Action Muskoka, our community based group has worked hard to achieve a District-wide Climate Emergency with 50% GHG reduction target by 2030 and zero by 2050 with the same resolution to be passed in the other area municipalities. Now in the face of this climate leadership we have our MPP Norm Miller and the Ontario government increasing the use of gas-fired energy and increasing our GHG emissions. Their natural gas subsidy of over \$3 million for Burk's Falls and Huntsville ensures targets set by local municipalities will be unattainable.

On a provincial level we know it is impossible for Ontario to reach even their weakest of targets with this devastating and backward decision. While the rest of the world sees the future moving forward to regenerative energy the failure to phase out gas-fired plants is a step back to the 50's. Please respond to the science the makes clear the path we must take. Even the IEA that says we must phase out fossil fuel extraction if we have any hope of keeping climate heating below 1.5 C!

There is no other path forward if we hope to leave a future for our children and grandchildren.

With hope,  
Linda Mathers  
Climate Action Muskoka

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