

Senate Inquiry: Impact of Seismic Testing on Fisheries and the Marine Environment:

Public Submissions **EXAMPLES**



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EXAMPLE LETTER 1

(Please re-phrase into your own words)

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Date:

I strongly oppose seismic testing due to well known impacts on the entire ecosystem. Seismic testing is known to harm marine animals, kill plankton 1.2 km away, cause malformations in scallops, and deafen and harm fish, seals, penguins, dolphins and whales.

Seismic testing is also known to devastate fish stock impacting on recreational and commercial fishers.

Our coast is in the whale migration path, home to hundreds of dolphins and has a rich biodiversity. It is also a thriving multi million dollar tourist industry which will be compromised by seismic testing.

Many marine animals, including some endangered, travel through or live off our coast all year round including many whale species, turtles, seals, and penguins. There is no safe time to conduct seismic testing at anytime.

The ocean is important for climate resilience and atmospheric health. I find it unacceptable to harm our marine animals and our coast that we are all connected to, and to conduct any destructive process that could affect our living ocean, our coast, our planet.

Harming our coast and marine animals will cause great distress to myself and the thousands who live in this area, and worsening climate damage will affect my children's futures.

I ask for a ban on seismic testing, and a ban on further development of PEP 11.

I invite you to visit my home town and see the beauty of this area for yourself and hear the community concerns.

Signed
Name
Address

EXAMPLE LETTER 2

(Short) (tourism operator/cafe owner)
(Please re-phrase into your own words)

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I am strongly opposed to seismic testing for offshore mining of the coast of NSW. I am a cafe owner along the coast and many millions of dollars of tourism of our region is due to whale and dolphin watching.

Seismic testing is known to impact on the marine environment and is a precursor to oil and gas mining This will affect tourism and fishing industries.

I am deeply connected to the coast and these plans are completely unacceptable. I object to any risk of any damage to our coast or harm to our marine animals which will directly affect my tourism business.

I urge you to Stop Seismic testing for offshore mining and invite you to visit my home town to hear my concerns,

Signed
Name
Address
Date

EXAMPLE LETTER 3

(eg to accompany image of child painting)

(Please use your own words.)

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Seismic testing harms marine animals. That makes me very sad.

Please don't harm whales and dolphins (and turtles and penguins..) and don't hurt our living ocean. We need healthy oceans to survive climate change: stop seismic testing please.

(Attach child painting)

EXAMPLE LETTER 4

Full length

(please use your own words)

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I wish to express my deep concern for the destructive process of seismic testing. Seismic testing is an inhumane and harmful process of exploring for oil or gas by intense and explosive underwater air cannon blasts that fire every few seconds, 24 hours continuously for days weeks or months on end to locate drilling targets for oil or gas. Seismic testing is known to kill plankton over 1km away, impacting on the ecosystem, and has been shown to stress, deafen, harm and cause death to marine creatures.

I love seeing whales and dolphins off our coast and we should be protecting these magnificent creatures and their habitat, as well as the other species such as turtles, seals, fairy penguins, that live in or traverse these coastal waters all year round.

Seismic testing is just the first step in the development of PEP 11 (Petroleum Exploration Permit 11, which is 4500 square km of ocean from Manly to Newcastle in some areas just 5.5 km to shore) for offshore exploration for fossil fuels, with plans for offshore mining for gas. This is completely unacceptable. I feel a deep connection to our coast. Industrialising and potential harm to our coast would affect the health and wellbeing of thousands. Drilling for gas risks oil spills which could cause catastrophic damage to our coast.

Methane from gas causes health risks and contributes to 84 times more global climate damage than carbon dioxide. Gas leaks (fugitive emissions) during drilling or during the life of the gas project are unable to be monitored or contained, and go largely unregistered.

I live in a community that is already experiencing the effects of climate damage, from extreme weather, storm surges, drought, and coral bleaching. It is completely unacceptable to risk accelerating this climate damage by damaging our living ocean, affecting ocean resilience.

These plans for seismic testing for offshore mining also threaten our thriving local fisheries industries, compromising livelihoods, our local seafood industry and businesses that depend on it, and the international tourism industry worth multiple million dollars annually.

I strongly oppose seismic testing, and request an immediate ban on seismic testing to safeguard our climate, our environment, marine creatures, and our livelihoods, and our children's futures.

I invite you to attend my hometown and hear my concerns and that of the community.

Name

Address

Date

Signed

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