

10 April 2026

Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources

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RE: Submission to the Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources

Dear Committee,

I am a private citizen from Queensland and I am writing to urge the Committee to recommend real reform to the way Australia taxes gas and oil exports. Like most Australians, I believe our resources should benefit all of us, not just multinational corporations.

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The tax meant to make gas companies pay their share is called the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax, or PRRT. It has not worked. Gas companies are allowed to build up huge cost deductions over time, which means many of them pay little or no tax at all, even while making enormous profits from selling our gas overseas. The federal government actually collects more from beer excise than from this gas tax. That needs to change.

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To give a bit more context: The people have woken up to the fact that political donations mean legal corruption and it's coming to an end. Make the right choices now.

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Yours sincerely,

Brett ■

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I consider Australia a leading liberal democracy in the geopolitical sphere, but in terms of setting an example of good government I feel we have a long way to go. I continue to prefer independents at federal elections to diversify the conversations we have about the direction of Australia.

I like Anthony Albanese, he seems of good conscience and a thoughtful person, but politically I believe he has been tepid on some major issues in recent times (... *cough* gambling tax, antisemitism in Australia). If the Prime Minister took a leading stance on this gas tax he would certainly go up in my books and I would look upon him much more favourably at our next election.

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Australia is one of the biggest gas exporters in the world, yet we collect almost nothing in tax from the industry. The government's own budget papers confirmed that many gas export projects paid little to no Petroleum Resource Rent Tax for years. To put that in perspective: the government collects more money from the tax on beer than from the tax on gas exports. That is not a fair deal for Australians.

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Dear Committee,

My name is M [REDACTED]. I live in New South Wales and I work as a parent and carer, a small business owner (Lawyer) and a homeowner. I am making this submission because the rising cost of gas and fuel has hit my household directly, and I want the Committee to know that ordinary Australians are feeling this every day.

THE INADEQUACY OF CURRENT GAS AND OIL TAXATION ARRANGEMENTS

Australia's gas belongs to all Australians. But right now, multinational companies are exporting billions of dollars worth of our gas and paying very little back to the Australian community. The government's own figures show that many gas export projects went years without paying any resource rent tax at all. Meanwhile, ordinary Australians are paying more and more for energy. This is not fair and it is not acceptable.

THE IMPACT OF GAS AND OIL PRICES

Like many Australians, I have felt the real cost of rising gas and oil prices in my daily life. Some specific ways this has personally affected me:

- Higher household energy bills
- Sharply rising fuel costs
- The current fuel shortage crisis
- Rising fuel costs for vehicles used for work
- Escalating business operating costs
- Higher grocery and everyday costs
- Having to cancel or cut back plans due to rising costs
- The broader cost of living crisis
- Had to cancel an interstate trip because of the cost of fuel

To give a bit more context: My partner is an electrician and he drives a Diesel car. Our living expenses have increased significantly and we have had to cancel a number of

interstate trips to visit family due to concerns about fuel costs.

THE CASE FOR REFORM

I support a minimum gas export tax rate of at least 30 per cent.

A good example of what is possible is Norway. Norway also exports a lot of gas, but they made a decision to make sure their citizens got a fair share of the profits. Today, Norway has a sovereign wealth fund worth around \$3 trillion, built from gas and oil revenue. That money is invested for the benefit of all Norwegians. Australia could do the same, but instead we are letting most of the profits go to foreign shareholders. That needs to change.

HOW ADDITIONAL REVENUE SHOULD BE DIRECTED

If we taxed gas exports properly, the extra money could make a real difference for Australians. Here is how I think that money should be spent, starting with what matters most to me:

1. direct cost of living relief for Australian households, including energy bill subsidies and fuel cost support
2. investment in renewable energy to build long-term energy independence
3. targeted relief for small businesses bearing the brunt of rising operating costs
4. addressing housing affordability

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT

Elected representatives are in their positions to serve the people, not corporations. I hope that this Committee will do the right thing on this issue, where the case for change is so clear and the public support is so strong, and put the interests of ordinary Australians first.

CONCLUSION

Australia's gas and oil resources belong to all of us. The current system is not delivering a fair return for the Australian community, and it is time for that to change. I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend a significant increase to gas and oil export taxes, and I urge the government to act on that recommendation in the May 2026 budget. Australians are looking to you to put their interests above those of the gas industry.

Yours sincerely,

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