

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

I am a health professional, business owner, father and grandfather. I am deeply concerned that many Australians are currently facing severe financial difficulties in the face of the cost of living crisis. I see my children struggling to make ends meet and my grandchildren having to go without. They are middle income Australians. Many of the patients I treat are facing even more dire circumstances. People are going without basic necessities. Meanwhile I note that the war in Iran has led to gas, oil and coal companies making huge profits that are beyond the already handsome gains they already make in mining and exporting **Australia's** natural resources.

Consequently, I am writing to express my strong support for replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue. For many years I have found it staggering that fossil fuel companies pay such a small amount in tax and royalties. Australia is one of the biggest gas producers in the world. While on-going gas production is a disaster from a climate perspective, it is also a disaster that we are essentially giving this gas away for free.

[Research by the Australia Institute](#) indicates that over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars resulted in no royalties and no PRRT at all. Furthermore, these profits have increased substantially due to war. This is unconscionable when Australian families are struggling with rising housing costs and continued cost-of-living challenges.

I note that currently companies that mine and export from Australia are protesting and arguing it isn't the "right time" for a tax on their profits and that a tax would be harmful to the economy. This is simply rationalisation aimed at protecting their profits. If Norway and Qatar have found ways to ensure their resources benefit their citizens, surely Australia can do the same. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on speeding the transition to electrification in Australia. In particular, I would like the revenue to assist low income citizens to access solar, home batteries and electric vehicles. Current government programs in this area are positive but the benefits are frequently out of reach for those on low incomes, apartment dwellers etc. We need a more equitable society and a move away from increasing the income and bonuses of fossil fuel CEOs and owners.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen Australia for the future. I also do not want this limited to war-time windfall profits: Australians are missing out each and every year. It is time to fix this, now.

I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Dr Peter [REDACTED]
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To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

My name is Aisling [REDACTED], and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

I would like to express **my strong support for replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue.**

I am twenty-seven years old and deeply concerned about climate change. I have spent the past three and a half years overseas studying climate policy and working on it professionally. Having recently returned to Melbourne, I am deeply concerned about Australia's continued export of gas and, not least, the limited public return generated from it.

While the federal government maintains that gas exports are facilitating the energy transition in Asian countries by displacing coal plants, the evidence doesn't stack up. As found by the [Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis](#), Japanese companies have resold more than a third of the gas they have bought from Australia, raising questions about whether these exports are really contributing to emissions reductions. Not to mention that relying on imported gas could be delaying investment in renewables in these countries.

Meanwhile, the world continues to burn. Australia may argue that these are not our emissions because they are being burned overseas but this is such a myopic view. Greenhouse gases do not respect borders – climate change will impact Australia, irrespective of whether the emissions are burned here or overseas.

Climate arguments aside, if you are going to continue exporting this 'transition fuel', at least make these companies pay tax! Over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars resulted in [no royalties and no PRRT at all](#). These profits are only increasing due to war. Meanwhile, Australian families are struggling with rising housing costs and continued cost-of-living challenges.

Other resource-rich countries like Norway and Qatar have found ways to ensure their resources benefit their citizens. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on:

- **Electric bus fleet electrification — \$34B** — Australia's publicly contracted transit bus fleet is estimated at approximately 18,000 vehicles at a cost of ~\$1.9M per bus (including charging infrastructure)
- **Climate adaptation and Insurance Fund** — Governed independently of the federal budget to prevent it being raided for general expenditure. Explicitly prioritising communities least able to self-insure: renters, low-income households, regional and remote communities, and First Nations peoples.
- **Accelerated investment in renewable energy**, including wind and solar farms. The Victorian Government recently built the Delburn wind farm at an estimated cost of

\$650 million. One year of a 25% gas export tax could pay for 26 equivalent windfarms and dramatically accelerate the transition to renewable energy

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I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Warm regards,

Aisling [REDACTED]

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

My name is Caroline [REDACTED] and I live in Melbourne and am an avid hiker, camper and lover of nature. In Australia we are so blessed with a gorgeous natural environment, and yet I worry that not enough is being done to protect it, and not enough is being done to protect us all from the threat of climate change, which is caused by our dependence on fossil fuels.

I am writing to express my strong support for replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25 per cent tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue.

Australia is one of the biggest gas producers in the world. While on-going gas production is a disaster from a climate perspective, it is also a disaster that we are essentially giving this gas away for free. These are our shared natural resources, and we should be getting something in return. This revenue could fund our transition away from fossil fuels to renewables, where we wouldn't be at the mercy of foreign wars and unreliable leaders.

Over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars paid no royalties and no PRRT at all ([source](#)). These profits are only increasing due to war. Meanwhile, Australian families are struggling with rising housing costs and continued cost-of-living challenges. I am fortunate to have solar panels and a battery on my home, and I know firsthand how well they work and how much cheaper life is when we get energy from a clean, renewable and free source.

Other countries such as Norway and Qatar have found ways to ensure their resources benefit their citizens. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on the transition away from fossil fuels. It has to happen at some point, so why not sooner rather than later? What on Earth are we waiting for?

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I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25 per cent flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline [REDACTED]

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

My name is Adele and I am from a 23-year-old Victorian resident and a committed member of Moonee Valley Sustainability, a grassroots community environment group who was recently inspired by our involvement with Renew Australia's delegation in Canberra where they presented the Climate Safety Plan.

I am writing to express my strong support for replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue.

Australia is one of the world's largest LNG exporters, yet the companies extracting our resources pay almost nothing in tax.

Over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars resulted in no royalties and no PRRT at all ([source](#)). These profits are only increasing due to war. Meanwhile, my household's energy bills keep climbing and amidst this geopolitical crisis, "Energy producers should not benefit from high international prices at the expense of domestic customers" ~ Dep. of Prime Minister and Cabinet, March 2026.

Other countries like Norway and Qatar have found ways to ensure their resources benefit their citizens. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on disaster resilience programs, home energy upgrades and extended to support other community services.

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I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Warm regards,
Adele [REDACTED]

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

I am writing to express my strong support for replacing the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue.

Australia is one of the biggest gas producers in the world. While on-going gas production is a disaster for the climate, everyday Australians are not benefiting from the extraction and export of our resources.

Over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars paid no royalties and no PRRT ([source](#)). These profits are only increasing due to war. Meanwhile, Australian families are struggling with the continued cost-of-living crisis.

The citizens of Norway and Qatar benefit from their countries taxing natural resources. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be fair and effective: creating an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market, decreasing energy prices.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on increasing the standard of living for everyday Australians: public schools; expansion of Medicare; affordable housing; accessible public transport; afford renewable energy.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen our future and for the many generations of Australians to come. Everyday Australians deserve better.

I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Sincerely,
Carissa

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

As an Australian, I am requesting you recommend Australia replace the pathetic Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a minimum flat 25% tax on filthy gas export revenue.

My understanding is that the current situation is that the NT government effectively pays foreign multinationals to take our gas. We don't give it to them, we pay them to take it. [The CLP government will give multinationals \$355m as subsidies this year while receiving \$346m in total from both gas and mining companies (mostly mining) so Territorians effectively pay a minimum of \$9m for foreign gas companies to dig up process, sell and burn resources that belong to us. In addition, the NT government promised an estimated \$4b over the next few years to buy back fracked gas from these companies, and more to build very wide pipelines. The local gas merchants Santos and Inpex pay no royalties or PRRT despite raving about massive profits like the \$20.4b income in 2022/23.]

Let's not forget that gas is at least as filthy as coal. It may have been considered a transition fuel 50 years ago but now it should be left in the ground. If we must be stupid and cook the only safe climate in the universe, at least let's not pay them to do it!!!

They leave the NT a climate and contaminated water sacrifice zone once the fifo workers have left. We see no benefit, just filthy air and water pollution and horrendous climate change which is expected to make much of the NT unlivable within the century.

Really we should tax the gas merchants to the tune of 78% like Norway does. That still won't cover the costs of our destroyed climate, but at least we will be able to afford to have ambulances (NT ambulances are on a code white today again.)

I would like to see revenue generated from a filthy gas tax spent on ensuring there are well appointed emergency evacuation centres that don't have people crammed in like they are in jail which is the current situation for hundreds of Territory families made to evacuate due to prolonged and repetitive flooding of their homes. Darwin doesn't even have enough cyclone shelters should there be a seriously strong cyclone yet again. Filthy gas tax dollars should also be allocated to ensuring the NT grid can go electric rather than having a go-slow on solar as has been happening. Solar farms sit going rusty as the NT government sucks up to the foreign gas barons, and tells us we can't have more panels on our roofs as the old system only likes gas. Still, after decades of calls to roll out solar systems, loads of remote communities with dodgy dirt roads and record breaking sweltering sun rely on filthy diesel generators as their only power source!

We need cycle paths and regular public transport across the country, not just in the cities and houses built to withstand the coming 4 degrees of warming this century. We need a national rail network for humans not just freight so we can avoid the horrors that losing access to liquid fuels may bring. We need resilience in farming so we don't have a famine.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen Australia for the future. I request the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on filthy gas export revenue. Let's stop paying them to ruin our country.

Thank you for doing what Australia needs,

Grusha [REDACTED]

Thursday 9 April 2026

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

My name is Josie [REDACTED]

I grew up in a mining town, and saw first-hand the physically demanding work of Australians in the mining and energy industries. Why then, are we essentially giving our hard-earned resources away for free?

This is why I strongly support replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue. Australia is one of the biggest gas producers in the world, and we stand to generate significant revenue through this proposed "gas tax".

I would rather this revenue be used to support Australian households struggling with the rising costs of living, instead of lining the pockets of gas companies. We could also use this money to fund the renewable energy transition: gas production does have disastrous environmental impacts, and I encourage a rapid transition away from gas exports.

I believe a flat tax on gas export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Thank you for taking the time to review my submission.

Kind regards,

Josie [REDACTED]

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

My name is Mary, I am writing to express my strong support for replacing the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on gas export revenue.

As a young person, climate change is something that deeply concerns me. In particular, something that really disturbs me about climate change is how unfair it is. I think it is unfair that a few generations are making the world less livable for those younger than them, and those not yet born. It is unfair that communities who have contributed the least to the problem are often those most affected by climate impacts. It is unfair that one species is deciding the fate, and causing the extinction of, entire ecosystems.

Our taxation of fossil fuel companies is yet another example of the unfair systems that have contributed to climate change. Australia is one of the biggest gas producers in the world. And yet, while our country is battered with repeated climate disasters, everyday people are left to foot the bill and gas producers keep on making extraordinary profits.

Over the last four years, gas exports worth [\\$170 billion dollars paid no royalties and no PRRT at all.](#) These profits are only increasing due to war. Meanwhile, Australian families are struggling with rising housing costs and continued cost-of-living challenges. As a young renter, I have certainly felt the rise in costs of everything, and it has caused stress in my household. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

With this revenue, we could fund Australia's renewable transition, playing our part in preventing climate disaster, and ensuring we are not so impacted by global fuel prices. I would like to see such funds directed towards:

- Climate compensation for Pacific and First Nations communities
- Climate compensation for communities impacted by climate disaster, and resilience projects for communities likely to be impacted in the future
- A massive upscaling in solar, wind, and battery storage, as well as significant incentives and infrastructure to support more electric vehicles on our roads
- Money to state governments to fund free public transport

This is a huge opportunity to strengthen Australia for the future, and something I feel is supported by almost everyone I have spoken to about it. I do not want this limited to war-time windfall profits: Australians are missing out each and every year. It is time to fix this. I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

I would be happy to provide further information if required. Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Warm regards,
Mary [REDACTED]

To the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources,

My name is Robyn [REDACTED]

I am writing to express my strong support for replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue.

I have long been deeply concerned about the impact of fossil fuels on our environment and climate. The increasing impacts of climate change are being felt by ordinary Australians across the country as they endure floods, droughts, fires and extreme heat. Large corporations make profits by continuing to produce these fuels at scale whilst safer alternatives must be fought for to take their place. Currently these corporations are making ridiculously high profits as oil and gas access has been severely impacted around the world by the conflict in West Asia. Deaths of innocent people in an unjustified war should not result in profits for huge corporations.

Whilst I support a complete phasing out of gas, whilst Australia continues to export gas, at a scale that is one of the largest in the world, we should do as other countries including Norway and Qatar, and reap some reward to benefit our citizens rather than essentially giving this gas away for free. Australians should reap benefits for *our* citizens, particularly as we are suffering a cost of living crisis.

Over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars paid no royalties and no PRRT at all ([source](#)). These profits are only increasing due to war. Meanwhile, Australian families are struggling with rising housing costs and continued cost-of-living challenges. I work with an organisation supporting migrant and refugee women and that relies on assistance from our pool of volunteers. I see the impacts of the cost of living on these women every day and volunteers are struggling to continue to attend as prices of petrol continue to rise.

I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on further support for alternative forms of energy as well as supporting people dealing with climate disasters.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen Australia for the future. I also do not want this limited to war-time windfall profits: Australians are missing out each and every year. It is time to fix this, now.

I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Your sincerely,

Robyn 

Submission to the Senate Select Committee on the Taxation of Gas Resources

I am a retired teacher, parent and grandparent. I am deeply concerned about the mounting effects of carbon pollution and climate change on the future we are leaving our young people. The Australian government needs to do much more to decarbonise our country and to increase emissions reduction.

I therefore wish to express my strong support for replacing the ineffective Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) with a flat 25% tax on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export revenue.

Australia is one of the biggest gas producers in the world. While on-going gas production is a disaster from a climate perspective, it is also a disaster that we are essentially giving this gas away for free.

Over the last four years, gas exports worth \$170 billion dollars paid no royalties and no PRRT at all ([source](#)). At present, these profits are increasing due to the war in Iran and the Strait of Hormuz.

Other countries like Norway and Qatar have found ways to ensure their resources benefit their citizens. I believe a flat tax on export revenue would be simple, fair and effective. Only applying it to exports would create an incentive for gas companies to supply more gas to the Australian domestic market so that energy prices can go down for our homes and businesses.

I would like to see revenue generated from a tax like this spent on funding:

- a just transition for workers and businesses away from fossil fuels
- decarbonisation and energy security of schools, hospitals and apartment buildings
- climate disaster compensation,
- climate resilience and mitigation

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen Australia for the future. I also do not want this limited to war-time windfall profits. It is time to fix this, now, with bold decisions.

I urge the committee to recommend replacing the PRRT with a 25% flat tax on LNG export revenue.

Sincerely

Susan 