

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT OF GUYANA – FIRST SESSION (2020-2022)

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NOTICE PAPER NO. 153

Member Giving Notice: **Mr. David Patterson, M.P.**

MOTION

GAS TO SHORE PROJECT

WHEREAS the current People’s Progressive Party/Civic Administration has made a decision to select Wales for the location of the proposed on-shore facility for the Gas-to-shore Project, despite the fact that no data nor study publicly exists to support such a decision;

AND WHEREAS the Wales location will require a 110km pipeline to be laid along the seabed as well as 27km on land, which will pass through residential, commercial, and agricultural zones;

AND WHEREAS it is unclear whether any study has been conducted to understand the environmental and safety risks from pipeline leaks and ruptures that may be caused by defective construction, aging, corrosion, seabed landforms, mudslides, hurricanes, faults, fractures, and seismic activities such as earthquakes and volcanoes;

AND WHEREAS no evidence of recent studies has been released publicly which, (i) evaluate the pros and cons of environmentally renewable energy alternatives, such as solar, hydropower and wind, (ii) propose an energy mix for a sustainable future and a phased manner of implementation in Guyana and (iii) investigates the economic and social implications of all energy alternatives for the citizens of Guyana;

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AND WHEREAS such a location would exacerbate the safety and environmental risks effected by the worsening marine traffic congestion;

AND WHEREAS the publicly stated costs for the pipeline will make this the single largest infrastructure project in the country's history,

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following be conducted to inform the Government's decision making, in the best interest of the prudent spending of our Taxpayers dollars; and in being good stewards of the nation's health, safety and the environment: -

Comprehensive studies to inform the decision, be conducted by Independent international recognised Consultants. Scope of studies should include: -

- (a) Investigation to understand the geological, environmental, and safety risks with mitigative actions, from pipeline leaks, ruptures and movements that may be caused by defective construction, aging, corrosion, seabed landforms, mudslides, hurricanes, tsunamis, faults, fractures, and seismic activities such as earthquakes and volcanoes;
- (b) Analyses of the available technology for real time monitoring of the deep-water pipeline to ensure its integrity and reliable detection of subsurface leaks; and the environmental, safety and health risks with mitigative actions associated with accommodating the gaps in technology;
- (c) Investigate the health, safety, and environmental risks with mitigative actions posed by the shallow draft and worsening marine traffic congestion at the mouth of the Demerara River; and
- (d) An analysis of the economic, social, and environmental renewable alternatives such as solar, hydropower and wind, including an energy mix with phasing, thereof; consistent with our overall effort to achieve a low carbon economy and compliance with the Paris Agreement on climate change.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That when completed these studies be submitted to the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Natural Resources of the Parliament, which shall after examination, present a Report to this Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Gas-to-Shore Project's final decision be put on hold until the Parliamentary Sectoral Committee on Natural Resources presents its Report to the Assembly for debate and approval.

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