



*Socially distanced pro-climate activists demonstrate against yet more Australian government subsidies for the “natural gas” industry.*

## **Fridays For Future International “Event of the Month” for November 2020**

### **Australian “National Day of Action” set to oppose more “natural gas” projects**

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Australian climate activists—including those with Fridays For Future—plan a pandemic-safe full “National Day of Action,” aimed in particular at opposing government plans to fuel the “natural gas” industry, under the pretext of COVID-19 economic recovery. The protests will take place on Saturday 28 November 2020, for as long as 13 hours, with pandemic-limited numbers partaking in person at sites in the national capital of Canberra, and in the country’s two largest cities, Sydney, New South Wales, and Melbourne, Victoria. Additional people will join virtually.

Fridays For Future International in has chosen the coordinated anti-hydrocarbon gas projects demonstrations as our inaugural “Event of the Month” for November 2020. The designation intends to recognize one especially notable and innovative environmental protest from around the world each month, and thereby help inspire others to adapt from it elsewhere.

Of the world's 1308 operational "natural gas" pipelines as of 2020, some 36 are in Australia, with the first dating back to March 1969. Despite the climate emergency, instead of shutting these pipelines down rapidly, governments in Australia and elsewhere have greenlighted 219 more such pipelines, with yet another 87 already under construction. (Only 125 such pipelines have been retired or cancelled worldwide.) Since the 1750 start of the Industrial Age, methane—the predominant component of "natural gas"—has increased in our atmosphere by a whopping 150 percent. And "natural gas," along with coal and uranium, is one leg of a triad of environment-destroying energy sources now dominant in Australia.

The Aussie National Day of Action advances five key demands:

1. Respect all First Nations community opposition to coal seam gas mining and fracking.
2. Stop using public money for "natural gas" or other fossil fuel projects.
3. Support 100% renewable energy by 2030.
4. Support Solar-powered Schools.
5. Support a renewables Million Jobs Plan to employ Australians, including those offered retraining from former fossil fuels industry work

The main related Twitter hash tags are: [#StandTogether](#), [#ProtectOurFutureNotGas](#), [#BuildBackBetter](#), and [#BeyondFossilFuels](#).

The right-wing Australian Federal government of PM Scott Morrison wants a COVID-pandemic "natural gas"-led recovery piping millions of dollars to the gas industry toward infrastructure, including still more gas pipelines. The government in particular pushes developing hydrocarbon gas basins on lands of the Alawa native people of Minyerri, in Beetaloo Basin in Northern Territory, and North Bowen and Galilee Basin in Queensland. The Morrison regime has also avidly promoted taxpayers paying millions to subsidize a gas-fired power plant in the Hunter Valley, and a gas trading hub at Wallumbilla in Queensland, further deepening our dangerous mass-addiction to fossil fuels. (The Narrabri Gas Project, for one example, has just been approved on the beautiful land of the Gomeri native people, in New South Wales—amidst a farming region and water catchment for the Great Artesian Basin.)

Contrary to industry lies and slick adverts, "natural gas" is not a clean "transitional" energy. It is a dangerous polluting fossil fuel, mainly made of sometimes of as much as 70 to 90-percent methane, a compound with a global warming potency of as much as 8 to 86 times that of even carbon dioxide. These projects would further extend our collective sickening and deadly addiction to fossil fuels, prop up the industry's lucrative subsidized profits for more years that we cannot afford, and sabotage any chance of Australia doing its part to meet or exceed even its all-too-modest goals under the 2015 UN Paris Agreement on climate. Countries such as Australia must actually lead the way dealing with the climate crisis under that pact, signed in Paris five years ago, on Saturday 12 December 2015.

Decades ago, the fossil fuel Industry privately predicted it would heavily contribute to the global warming we already see, which is caused mainly by fossil fuel combustion and deforestation. Industry experts had warned corporate officials of the substantial negative climatic impacts that would occur with even a 1°C temperature rise. The United Nations IPCC has said we are now already seeing the consequences of 1°C warming through more extreme weather, rising sea levels, and diminishing Arctic sea ice, among myriad other negative changes. Australians have already endured unprecedented bushfires and floods, heat, drought, and multiple coral bleaching events on the Great Barrier Reef.

Those who wish to remotely join the National Day of Action in solidarity on Saturday 28 November 2020, with a COVID-safe action, can send related photographs or videos via email to the organizers in Australia, and also can partake in the Online Virtual Rally. So far, 65 community groups are co-hosting/supporting the National Day of Action. If you are a community group that would like to co-host/support these events, please let the organizers know.

#PROTECTOURFUTURENOTGAS National Day of Action – Saturday 28 November 2020  
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For more information: Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/788619728597148>

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