

CLIMATE PROTEST AT HIGH COURT CONDEMNS GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR LNG TERMINAL AND THREAT OF COMMERCIAL TERMINALS

*INSIDE THE COURT, A HEARING WAS UNDERWAY ON AN APPLICATION BY SHANNON
LNG TO BUILD AN LNG TERMINAL IN KERRY*

Monday, 24th March 2025, 11am, Dublin, the Four Courts, climate activists from Not Here Not Anywhere, Extinction Rebellion Ireland and allied groups protested against LNG terminals, while inside, a hearing took place on the Shannon LNG vs An Bord Pleanála case. They drummed, chanted and held banners “Keep Ireland LNG Free” and “No LNG terminals”.

Not Here Not Anywhere member Róisín Rigg, from Kerry, said, “We’re totally opposed to LNG terminals in any form - whether state or commercially run. This is infrastructure which would lock Ireland into decades of fossil fuel consumption, worsening the climate crisis and leading to increasingly intense weather disasters.”

Ms Rigg continued, “As for a state-run reserve, the answer to any energy security concerns is investment in indigenous renewables, energy demand reduction, comprehensive demand management and the ramping up of retrofitting schemes, as unreleased government analysis suggests. The answer certainly doesn’t lie in increasing our reliance on dirty LNG imports, subject to huge price volatility. Nor indeed does it lie in allowing energy-guzzling data centres fueled by this LNG.”

This protest comes after a Government announcement earlier this month that it would proceed with an LNG terminal for energy security. The announcement was made before a relevant report by Gas Networks Ireland (GNI), assessing risks and alternatives to LNG, was publicly released. Not Here Not Anywhere has been [trying to secure the release](#) of this report through AIE. In addition, an analysis of alternative energy security solutions being conducted by consultant CEPA, which [was commissioned by the previous government](#), has not yet been completed.

Ms Rigg concluded, “The Government’s reckless decision to rescind the ban on fracked gas imports has effectively opened the door for more planning applications for fully commercial LNG operations, as we’re seeing today, in addition to the proposed state-led terminal.”

Anna Comerford from Extinction Rebellion Ireland added: “Even aside from climate considerations, it’s reckless of the Government to decide to go ahead with an LNG terminal

before we have access to the information in the GNI report and before the consultant's analysis - on whether there are better, existing alternatives - is even completed. There is a lot of taxpayer money at stake here for this decision to be rushed. Also, this floating terminal would be a sitting duck in terms of its vulnerability to terrorism - more so than our current undersea pipelines."

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