

# Stopping New Gas Power at Peterhead

Energy company SSE and the fossil fuel giant Equinor have submitted a planning application to the Scottish Government for permission to build a new and additional gas burning power plant next to the existing gas burning plant at Peterhead power station in Aberdeenshire.

## Scotland's single biggest climate polluter

**Peterhead power plant is already Scotland's biggest climate polluter**, and these plans could make it even worse. The new power station is not due to be operational until 2027 at the earliest and will produce huge amounts of **climate wrecking emissions for the next 25 years or more** - well past 2045 when Scotland is to reach net zero. Whilst this proposal expects reduced capacity at the existing Peterhead power station it does not rule out both plants operating at full capacity.



## Locking Scotland in to using volatile fossil fuels

Fossil fuels are driving the cost of living and sky-high energy prices. A **new fossil-fuelled power plant would trap Scottish homes and businesses at the mercy of volatile global gas prices** for the lifespan of this power plant.

A new gas-fired power plant in Scotland would keep us locked into drilling and burning fossil fuels for decades to come. This long-term commitment to fossil fuels gives another excuse for oil and gas companies to keep on looking for new fields in the North Sea.

## Built on the rotten foundations of Carbon Capture & Storage

The developers say that they will attempt to add carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology to the new plant at a later date with **no guarantee that this dodgy technology will work**. This will be the third attempt to make CCS work at the Peterhead power plant with two previous failures in 2007 and 2015. Evidence from around the world shows that **CCS has a long history of being over-promised and under-delivered by major polluters**.

**CCS does not reduce other harmful pollutants like methane and ammonia and does not capture all the carbon emissions created**. It can also negatively impact nature and the health and safety of communities if any carbon that's caught leaks out of pipes or storage wells. The plan to store any captured carbon under the North Sea is fraught with difficulties, unknowns and could help turn that region into Europe's carbon dumping ground.

## We can build a better energy future

**The Scottish Government has the final say on whether this gas-powered station is built. We are calling on them to reject this toxic plan**. Instead of providing political support for big polluters, Scottish Ministers need to put workers and communities at the heart of its transition plans. We can create a publicly owned renewable energy system with secure green jobs and affordable energy for all.

