

# **Friends of the Earth Scotland**

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Motion**

#### **Stop the new gas burning power station at Peterhead**

Friends of the Earth Scotland is calling on the Scottish Government to unequivocally reject the application to build a new gas power station and carbon capture plant at Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, put forward by SSE and Equinor.

Building this new fossil fuel infrastructure would prolong our reliance on oil and gas and lock us into the associated climate-changing emissions for decades. New fossil fuel power completely undermines a just transition.

The existing gas burning power station at Peterhead is already Scotland's single biggest climate polluter. SSE have admitted that the new power station will increase climate emissions. The Scottish Government has missed 9 out of its last 12 emission reduction targets and building more fossil fuel infrastructure further risks the safety of people

and the planet.

With fuel poverty in Scotland at an all-time high, committing to expansion of the gas burning power station at Peterhead would trap energy bill payers for decades at the whim of volatile fossil fuel firms whose prices are set internationally. The Scottish Government has already acknowledged that renewable energy is more affordable and should be our energy priority.

This project is built on the rotten foundations of carbon capture and storage (CCS), which has a long history of expensive failure. CCS will undermine efforts for a just transition as we know it won't deliver as promised and risks prolonging the life of the fossil fuel industry.

The Scottish Government must instead build a wholly renewable energy system that prioritises people and planet, ensuring a just transition for the workers currently employed at the Peterhead gas power station and the wider community.

Friends of the Earth Scotland therefore commits to work together with partners who share our concerns to achieve the following goals:

(i) Build the broadest possible coalition against the

building of a new gas power station at Peterhead  
(ii) Mobilise and build support amongst the general population for the rejection by the Scottish Government of the application for the power station put forward by SSE and Equinor.

(iii) Achieve a just transition for the workers currently employed at the Peterhead gas power station and for the wider community.

(iv) Take all steps possible to challenge the approval of the application, if that is the decision of the Scottish Government