

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Waters asked:

Stopping the development of the Galilee Basin is an opportunity to protect Australia from the diverse threats of climate change. Has the Department advised the government of, or done any analysis pertaining to:

1. The climate risks associated with allowing the Galilee Basin to be developed?
2. The opportunity to protect Australia by reducing or stopping development of the Galilee Basin
3. The legal options available to this Government to stop the development of this huge climate damaging development?

Answer:

1. No. It is not possible to assess likely climate change risks or impacts in a way that can be attributed to individual developments.
2. No. See answer to question one above.
3. No.