

Earth Ministry

I'm Frank Turner from Olympia. I'm speaking as a member of earth ministry and I'm asking you to deny the shoreline permit for the methanol plant because of climate change considerations. I recognize that the plant means tax revenue and jobs for Kalama but we're ruining our whole planet. We have to take care of it. We have inherited this planet from our ancestors. We're borrowing it from our descendants. What kind of planet will we leave them with?

My objections to the proposed methanol plant go way beyond the risk to the shoreline of the Columbia. The plant will use natural gas from hydraulically fractured wells. These leak methane into the atmosphere. They will continue to leak methane after they are abandoned. These leaks will be our responsibility for centuries. Capping these abandoned wells will not prevent methane from moving through the fractured rocks to other uncapped wells or to groundwater. Why should we do anything to support fracking?

At the other end of this complicated industrial process with the products is producing, plastics. We're just becoming aware of just how big a problem this is. Tons of discarded plastic will be our responsibility too. Like the Governor, I cannot in good conscience support a project that will cause so much ecological damage. Our neighbors in Kalama will benefit equally if the land can be used for more eco-friendly projects such as a solar panel manufacturer. Let's move on to something else. Please use your influence to stop this project for us. Thank you.