

## Major criticisms of the project:

- Unprocessed gas will be piped at uniquely high pressure levels, dangerously close to dwellings and through several SACs' (special areas of conservation), supposedly under the protection of EU law.
- The gas will be processed at a refinery within the catchment area of the local reservoir, Carrowmore lake, which provides the drinking water for 10,000 people.
- An Taisce (The Irish National Trust) has stated that if the project goes ahead, Carrowmore Lake will eventually have to be closed as a source of drinking water.
- The refinery will be a huge source of air and water pollution. Between 200,000 and 300,000 kg of methane (a major greenhouse gas) will be emitted annually, with the risk of vapor cloud explosions and acid rain.
- The site will hold over 5000 tonnes of dangerous chemicals. Over 1500 tonnes of methanol (a highly toxic chemical) are expected to be 'lost' each year. This will be emitted, with the waste water, into Broadhaven bay, "an important area for a number of marine mammal species and for other marine life" according to a report commissioned by Shell. The waste water would also contain heavy metals such as arsenic, mercury and cadmium. Any waste not pumped into the bay will drain instead into Carrowmore Lake.
- The project will adversely impact on the livelihoods of the region's farmers and fishermen due to the massive land, air and water pollution.
- All the profits from the gas extraction will go directly to the oil companies, the Irish people will gain nothing.



## SOLIDARITY WITH ROSSPORT SHELL OUT OF ERRIS



We are here today in solidarity with the community of Rossport in County Mayo, Ireland. Since 2000 the people of Rossport have been attempting to prevent a dangerous and environmentally destructive gas refinery and high pressure pipeline being built in their area.

The struggle to protect their community and environment has involved taking on both one of the world's largest multinational corporations, and their own government. In 2005, 5 men were jailed for 3 months for refusing to allow Shell access to their land. Following their imprisonment the community set up a picket at the proposed refinery site, stopping work for over a year. Last autumn, large numbers of police moved into the area and beat the community off the streets. Numerous people were hospitalized and the police brutality has been internationally condemned. More recently state repression has involved the initiation of malicious prosecutions against prominent local campaigners. Despite the strong forces working against them, the community continue to resist. We are here in support of their struggle.

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