

CONCERNING HOW MALLARD PASS SHOULD BE EXAMINED

I note that you say that Annex C is not a comprehensive list of the principal issues that will be considered. I note that you think some principal issues will overlap and inter-relate. I also note that 'Cumulative and in-combination effects' will be considered where appropriate.

As someone who has been a university international business lecturer and worked in financial and strategic business planning, what concerns me is that there is no indication, at this stage, that the examination will include inter-departmental government cost-benefit analysis. This may be planned such that my letter is unnecessary. I am simply writing in case inter-departmental government cost-benefit analysis is not currently planned.

It would obviously be false economy for the country as a whole if Mallard Pass was to save the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero money only for other government departments such as health, social services, Defra, and the Ministry of Tourism to lose more than the energy savings made.

Hence, I am writing to ask that the ExA not only take into consideration the issues listed in Annex C but the cumulative costs and benefits for government departments other than the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, as well as the latter.

My business head simply wants to know that the costs and the benefits of the Mallard Pass project are examined in a holistic way, rather than one government department prioritised over another. I would like to know that, if the ExA recommends that the Mallard Pass project is accepted, the project benefits a wide range of government departments. Mallard Pass and their investors are the only ones who pay for it.

Because social services didn't provide someone I was lasting power of attorney for with a little more help, my health suffered; I could not help her anymore; she is costing the government full time care, and I am costing the government thousands in health, disability, and other costs – all because someone didn't consider the full implications of providing her with a little more care. I don't want a similar problem to occur in the case of Mallard Pass. I hope that the full inter-departmental government costs and benefits of the project are taken into consideration before the application is passed or rejected.

Kind regards

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