

What do Irish political parties have to say about Fracking?

*"Fianna Fáil also opposes the use of the fracking technique in Ireland.... The possible risks to our drinking water from fracking are simply not acceptable. Nor is the possibility of serious damage to our reputation as a high quality food producing nation worth risking. The Government of France banned fracking in May 2011 in a response to these risks. We are not willing to subject our communities to any potential risk which could undermine the integrity of their water supply or the natural environment in which they live. As a result of these risks **Fianna Fáil are demanding a ban on any fracking activity in Ireland.**"*

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Fianna Fáil

"Sinn Féin has been front and centre of the anti-fracking campaign in Ireland, raising the issue in the Dail, Stormont and the European Parliament as far back as 2011.

"It has been proven on several occasions to be detrimental in terms of the environment, health, agriculture and climate and we will not support any motion, resolution or amendment that says otherwise.

"We will continue to oppose any form of hydraulic fracturing, in Ireland or elsewhere"

Sinn Féin

"We oppose the introduction of fracking. We believe that fracking is not compatible with a low-carbon energy system in which oil and gas are gradually curtailed and, in the longer term, eliminated

Labour

*"We know that four fifths of known fossil fuels will have to remain underground if we are to have a chance of avoiding dangerous levels of global warming. **Ireland should show a lead by committing to a ban on hydraulic fracking** for oil or gas and by ending the programme for licensing for oil and gas exploration in Irish territorial waters."*

Green Party

*"Deputy Boyd Barrett and other speakers at the press conference said government promises to help tackle climate change, reduce CO2 emissions and move to a more sustainable energy policy, following the Paris Climate summit, could not be taken seriously unless they were matched with **actions such as a complete ban on fracking**"*

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