

# Exporting Harm

## The Morality of Fossil Fuel Exports



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# Allocating Emissions



- **Context**

IPCC guidelines that are used by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) state that national inventories of GHG emissions ‘include greenhouse gas emissions and removals taking place within national territory and offshore areas over which the country has jurisdiction.’

- “scope 1+2” emissions
- scope 3
- Plausible framework



- **Claim**

- ✦ Current and likely future methods for dividing emissions inadequate. We should count 'exported emissions'.

- **Prima Facie case for:**

- carbon budget
- moral responsibility for consequences
- responsibility for scope 3 emissions

# Analogy with other commodities



- **Analogies:**
  - ✦ Tobacco
  - ✦ Medical waste
  - ✦ Uranium
- **Claim:** “We should not knowingly contribute to situations that harms the significant interests of others where we can avoid doing so.”
- **Causing harm to the significant interests of others should provide a powerful and important constraint on our actions.**
  - Consequences: morally responsibility
  - Cease causing harm





