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Submission to the Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria

In Queensland and New South Wales onshore unconventional gas exploration and exploitation has industrialised rural landscapes, frequently against the wishes of those on whose properties wells are sited and disrupting rural activities. Serious issues of contamination of precious artesian waters have been all too common.

And why? For short term gain for a small number of companies – often for export dollars. And who pays the cost of these new fossil fuel industries? All of us – when our fragile environment becomes hotter.

Money spent on new fossil fuel industries is money lost to renewable energy research and development – processes which have the potential to reduce, not exacerbate, pressures on our fragile environment.

Retain the moratorium on onshore unconventional gas exploitation in Victoria – unwanted and not needed here. Build a stable framework of incentives for a serious renewable energy industry in Victoria, to phase up its production while fossil fuels phase down.

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