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To the Parliamentary Inquiry into Unconventional Gas Mining in Victoria –

My name is Zoe Glen-Norman and I live in Melbourne. This year I have been travelling to Banksia Ridge near Seaspray (Gippsland) to get away from the stress of living in the city and improve my health. I have found the wilderness to be incredibly therapeutic and I have been able to regain strength from my stays. Indeed a growing body of research shows natural, untouched environments are associated with mental and physical health, prosocial behaviour, and pain relief (Ulrich, 1984; Korpela & Ylen, 2007; Korpela, 1989; Moore, 2014)

I was shocked and saddened to hear that industries have set eyes on Gippsland and other areas in Victoria for mining purposes. I oppose all forms of unconventional gas mining, both onshore and offshore. I recommend to the Parliament a complete and permanent ban against unconventional gas mining to protect our health, environment, agriculture and water supply. I recommend a move to renewable resources instead. During one of my stays at Banksia Ridge I carelessly wandered across the land without sunscreen and got terribly burnt. What scorching, abundant sunlight this country receives! If you want to create energy here then solar power would be the obvious answer.

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