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The Legislative Council,  
Environment and Planning Committee

To whom it may concern,

I am a Melbourne resident, who is also a grandmother with a great love for my grandchildren and our beautiful state. With the possibility of coal seam gas mining coming to Victoria, I am greatly concerned for the well being of both and can never support such a damaging practice.

Addressing the reference regarding potential economic gain that unconventional mining could give to our state, the possibility of any such gain is greatly outweighed by the incredible damage it would bring to us. We have delightful green rolling hills, plains and beaches which are popular tourist attractions. The side effect of unconventional gas mining is to turn a peaceful rural setting into a noisy, industrial site (with its processors running 24/7 and the amount of trucks that are required to bring in water, fracking equipment and fracking liquid) See below for example of amount of trucks used in this process.

. The greatest loss would be our water, our **most** precious resource. This mining practice takes an incredible amount of water that we do not have to spare . For an idea of how much is used, see below. Our agriculture and very life relies on water. It is something that cannot be sacrificed for the benefit of a few and cannot be replaced by compensation. See below for amount of water used.

Addressing the reference to the safety of Unconventional mining, we have already witnessed the dangers that it brings with leakage into our waterways with the spills of AGL and Santos. See below for details. There have been many dangers found related to health risks of this form of mining due to its use of chemicals. (details are also below ) This is just too risky to bring here.

We have so much potential to create a healthy future .My vision for Victoria is to have a truly sustainable way of life, one that uses the wind, sun and waves that nature has provided for us.

With such loss to our well being , this form of mining must not come to our beautiful state. I call on you to exercise the duty of care that you hold for us and join us in creating a great future for us all.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Wright

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