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Subject: Coal seam gas

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Dear parliamentarians

I am writing regarding my concern that Victoria does not allow coal seam gas exploration.

I am a farmer on the Bass Coast and am worried about the environmental and impact on our communities.

Agricultural Impacts

- contamination of water (flammable water) with toxic chemicals, leading to poisoning of livestock and contamination of our high quality agricultural industry products
 - increase in groundwater and soil salinity
 - depletion of groundwater
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- Community Impacts
- immediate community impacts include division and mistrust, then falling property values as the industrial process occurs and health impacts start to bite, agriculture being impacted, followed by families being bought out under confidentiality agreements, and communities being closed or relocated.
 - unconventional gas extraction has near universal local disapproval, is strongly resisted, and proceeding is against communities self determination

Your opposition to coal seam gas is the only way forward.

Regards
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