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To the State Enquiry into Unconventional Gas (UCG)

Firstly I would like to Thank-you for giving us a chance to voice our concerns.

I, a teacher of a Primary School in a small country town which is unfortunately within the gazetted corridor of Mantle Mining EL5428, do not support any form of unconventional gas mining. (Coal Seam Gas, tight gas, shale gas and underground coal gasification.)

As a young person who has travelled Australia & the world quite extensively, I am confused why our elected leaders would so quickly risk our gorgeous environment which brings in tourists and creates employment and a steady economy.

Mirboo North and surrounds is well known for its strong agricultural production, yet allowing UCG will put all at risk, including the health of all residents. The continual reports and evidence from QLD, NSW and America highlight the consistent risks to water, farmland, food sources and air quality. Despite the increased awareness there has been no proof of companies trying to improve the safety risks. Within our own country Farmers have walked off their properties, losing everything; the magnitude of the problem will only be amplified within Victoria as the proposed areas are more densely populated.

Mirboo North closely neighbours Latrobe Valley's Coal Mines which is predominantly Victorias main power supply. Within my lifetime I have noticed bustling towns turn into desolate areas due to people moving away because of health concerns and environmental impact. No doubt the companies and some(!) workers will gain, as will the economy of the towns for a short stint, but UCG does not and will not provide stable, consistent, long term employment for the farmers, residents, and business people of towns and cities. Sadly they will diminish employment prospects and in turn deflate the economy.

The country has not exhausted the potential for renewable energies!! I do not have all the answers, but raping the country of its assets has no long term vision. I recommend that Victoria bans all Unconventional Gas Drilling permanently.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Linton

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