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To whom it may concern.

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We are Lighter Footprints, a Climate Change Action Group in Boroodara/ Kooyong/ Burwood, Box Hill, Hawthorn and Kew electorate area. We have been around since 2006 and have grown to about 1000 supporters.

We focus our work around actions to ensure a safe climate - at local levels as well as at state and national levels. This involves making sure that our leaders are aware of the strong views of a large number of people in our most conservative electorates that climate change must underpin government thinking.

OUR GROUP'S APPROACH IS UNDERPINNED BY AUSTRALIA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT TO KEEP THE RISING GLOBAL TEMPERATURE TO BELOW 2 DEGREES C, WHICH WILL BE DRIVEN BY REDUCING OUR CARBON EMISSIONS IMMEDIATELY AND DRASTICALLY.

THUS:

We are absolutely hostile to the development of unconventional gas in this state- or any state. We look to the government to ban all unconventional gas drilling permanently. This is consistent with the need to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and build renewable sources of energy for the future.

So we wish to make one major point here that goes to the heart of the issue.

On any analysis, the development of new ways to exploit fossil fuels, no matter what the perceived side benefits, will be problematic even in just a few years time.

The government is trying to find ways to reduce the state's level of carbon emissions- already very high because of our use of brown coal for electricity.

The benefits of this type of production are not sufficient to outweigh the negative effects, not only in the immediate environment, but in terms of making even more carbon emissions to be released into our atmosphere.

We leave the detail of the specific reasons under your terms of reference to those groups focused on those details

Please record a resounding **NO GO vote** for unconventional gas from Lighter Footprints and its 1000 supporters.

Thank you very much.

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