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To, The Parliamentary Enquiry into Un Conventional gas.

Submission Regarding Fracking and Coal Seam Gas extraction.

I have watched the country on the inland side of the divide drying out over the last 25 years. A combination of stresses stem from the problem of not enough rain. Increased insects, reduction in many species. Add to this the increase in feral cats, rabbits, camels, foxes, Telopia, weeds etc and what remains of The Box Ironbark country is threatened.

Box Ironbark forest in my region is the largest nectar producing region in the world. Before you contemplate removing these forests or any flowering plants it would be good to do some research. The issue about ground water is really a simple question. Why would you risk destruction of ground water reserves when we know the land is drying out,

and there are increased pressures to access clean water. If you want examples of how people struggle to cope with the cost and pollution caused by mining on aquifers just come do a bit of digging around in Bendigo. Greater Bendigo City Council has asked the State Government to enable the Woodvale evaporation ponds to be used as a short-term

solution to rising groundwater levels in Bendigo. One could also be introduced to settling ponds and tailings dumps. And then one can be confronted with the Bill to fix it. It is not as though there is no alternative, clean renewable energy for example. Potentially new jobs expanded research and low pollution energy. And we still have a forest for bees and an aquifer to use with respect.

See:

The Bendigo Forest Management 2006, FS0075, Mary Camilleri

Environment Conservation Council – Box-Ironbark Forests and Woodlands Investigation . Apiculture

Dec 15, 2014 ... are continuing to rise across the mine workings under Bendigo as a result of Unity Mining's decision to cease pumping water to Woodvale.

https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/.../Council_asks_State_to_address_groundwater_issue

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