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> I am a resident of Traralgon, work in Morwell, and enjoy living in the
> Latrobe Valley and surrounding areas of Gippsland.
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> I am adamantly against any form of unconventional gas mining,
> including coal seam gas, tight gas, shale gas, and underground coal gasification.
> Many, if not most, of my fellow Latrobe Valley residents have the same
> view.
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> Any potential benefit to be attained from unconventional gas
> extraction is vastly outweighed by the environmental and health risks,
> including irretrievable damage to the water table. I also note that
> alternative, entirely sustainable forms of energy (e.g., solar, wind)
> are abundantly
> available: this is where we should be concentrating our efforts; not
> in coal in any form, which is an antiquated, dangerous, unnecessary
> energy source.
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> Finally, I note that Gippsland is a beautiful area of Victoria,
> already tarnished aesthetically and atmospherically by the Hazelwood
> Mine, Yallourn North Mine, and Yoy Land Mine. We have had enough poison.
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> Yours faithfully,
> Damien Pitts.