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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 5 July 2015 10:25 PM  
**To:** EPC  
**Subject:** CSG Exploration

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident in the Surf Coast Shire I greatly respect the pristine environment that we live in here.

I believe the granting of CSG licences in this area and other areas in Victoria represents the greatest threat to our natural environment in the short to medium term.

There are many reasons not to proceed with this policy which you will know doubt be aware of including potential contamination of our ground water, damage to fertile farming lands, ugly landscapes, large transport movements and greenhouse gases created when the gas is burned.

From reports I have read there is NO gas shortage in Australia or the short term future as we have an abundance of reserves including the Bass Strait Fields. I feel it is more a case of mining companies supplying overseas markets (higher profit yields) to the detriment of local supply.

There is plenty of opportunity to focus on renewable energies such as wind and solar/batteries (increased investments and local employment) to service our energy needs in the future.

There has been serious questions raised about CSG mining in NSW, QLD and the USA regarding serious pollution threats to waterways and air pollution.

I believe CSG mining should be banned FOR EVER in this state! Let's protect our children and the future environment that they will rely on to live sustainably.

Regards,  
Graeme Biggins