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In Australia we have seen, over many years now, the environmental damage and upheaval to people's lives caused by CSG and coal mining in general. In addition, the potential damage to underground and surface water can be far reaching and the effects can be felt long after the miners have moved on. We have seen the deleterious effects to lifestyle and people's physical and mental health during CSG extraction in Queensland and NSW. It is almost unbelievable that under the Victorian legislation CSG drilling, if allowed, could occur within 100 metres of someone's house and that it could proceed 24 hours a day. People in Queensland have said that it is like having a jet engine running next to the house and that everything ends up covered in hazardous hydrocarbon residues. At the very least people must have the right to insist on a buffer zone between them and CSG drilling such as the 2km distance applied to wind farms. CSG drilling is dirty and damaging way to obtain energy. We and nearly everyone we know want it banned in this state.

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