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To the Chairperson and members of the Inquiry into onshore unconventional gas mining in Victoria

I wish to advise you of my opposition to the gas exploration and lifting of the moratorium on gas exploration and to ask the Committee to please ban Unconventional Gas mining in Victoria, and make Victoria the Australian beacon of good sense and environmental responsibility.

There are no proven benefits in unconventional gas mining beyond the revenue the state government would earn. This money will be offset by losses to the State in the agricultural and tourism industries, and effect stamp duty revenue as land values fall.

Victoria's energy needs can and are being met by renewable energy. It is there that the Victoria government and communities should be putting our energies in order to achieve sustainable outcomes for everyone.

Any job opportunities which may occur in the construction phase are short-term in nature, and have negative medium to long-term effects on regional communities. See ***Landline*** ABC television <http://www.abc.net.au/landline/content/2015/s4263145.htm> broadcast on June 28 2015

The short and long term damage to our land, to our food production industries, to our rural and regional communities, and to our water quality would be catastrophic. There is simply no argument for supporting the invasion of unconventional gas mining into Victoria.

Yours sincerely

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