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On Wednesday, 17 June 2015, 15:45, John King

To The Legislative Council's Environment and Planning Committee. Please do not allow CSG mining anywhere in Victoria. Please don't be swayed by the mining industry's promise of jobs and short term financial gain. You would be selling out our farmers and our children's future. Just look at what a mess they have left behind in Queensland turning prime farming land into industrial waste land. You are appointed to act on the peoples behalf. Don't let this happen on your watch. Please see attached my letter I wrote in 2013 and read Paddy's book. I wish you all the wisdom to do make the right decision.
John King

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I've just finished Paddy Mannings book about the issue of Coal Seam

Gas mining. [CSG]. It made me sad to learn that some of our best farming land as well as some of our most beautiful natural environment is being turned over to this destructive practice by our mining industry without any of our politicians raising so much as a wimper of opposition. Indeed both Labour and Liberal parties are all for it going full steam ahead. In the rush for short term profits this dangerous activity is being forced upon our hardworking farmers and our rural communities. Fracking is the use of chemicals forced at great pressure to fracture the rock to get to the gas which is then pumped to the surface. The mining companies won't tell us what the chemicals are but despite their poor disclosure we know that they use known carcinogens such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes. These have been banned in other parts of the world. If this gets into our aquifers it could ruin our water supplies. Then there is the issue of what to do with all the salt that is produced as a by-product of the mining process which requires vast quantities of water to be used. With China and India dictating to our governments what to do with our resources, I feel it is already too late. Most of the profits will go to overseas mining companies. So for the sake of short term profits and a few jobs we are selling our children's future. We are raping Mother Earth. Why have we allowed this to happen on our watch?

John King