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I am a resident of Foster North in South Gippsland for the past eighteen years, an area justly renowned for its natural beauty and agricultural produce. Tourism and agriculture underpin the local economy and I fear that both will be severely compromised if unconventional gas mining is allowed to occur. I am totally opposed to the industry and have a Lock the Gate sign displayed on my front fence, as do many of my neighbours. Unconventional gas is a fossil fuel which requires large amounts of energy to extract and, given the scientific warnings regarding fossil fuel use and climate change, it is not a long-term solution to our society's energy requirements. More jobs can be created in the renewable energy sector which is what I would expect a progressive Labor Government to be promoting. I have read many disturbing reports of the failure of CSG companies in the US and Queensland to ensure safe practices and am not assured that it would be any different here, regardless of regulations. The risk is far too great and I am aware that some 60 communities have declared themselves CSG free. People are worried about air pollution, groundwater contamination, the increase in heavy vehicle traffic and the threat to the safety of their agricultural produce. I am concerned for my health and the health of future generations and ask that you do not expose Victorians to this highly destructive industry for the short-term gains it promises.

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