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My name is Ramona Headifen, a resident of [REDACTED], Victoria. I am a bookkeeper and volunteer with a community group called Beach Patrol Australia which aims to clean rubbish from our beaches and help educate against litter. Although I do not have children, I am greatly concerned about the amount of plastic pollutants in our waterways and environment in general and also about unconventional gas mining for future generations and overall for the future of our environment. I am against any form of this type of gas mining including coal seam gas, shale gas, tight gas & underground coal gasification. Too many of our human activities (often for the benefit of a few) are destroying our environment for all of us and for the future.

The risk to water, farmland and therefore food security, not to mention community health tops the list for reasons to ban this process permanently in Victoria. Our state can take a stand and be a leader in banning this dangerous process. We only need to look as far as QLD for the impacts felt by affected persons and resources like water. The US as well has multiple horror stories of the destruction this process causes. The industry has not been proven it is safe and to the contrary, the results of this industry have shown it to be dangerous. We are silly to think anything different; what can we expect when we inject harmful chemicals into the ground??

Unconventional gas is a fossil fuel. We need to move away from this type of energy and to more renewable forms of energy. The rest of the world is moving to this already; Australia will be left behind. Furthermore, this type of mining will not create jobs and will risk jobs in other sectors namely ones in renewable energy and future industries.

Please think beyond the short term and to the longevity of our Victoria.

Thank you,
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