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SUBMISSION CONTENT:

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I am so saddened to see that CSG is even being considered for this wonderful state of Victoria.

I am an educated female in my mid 30's, I am not a "greeny" however I am highly concerned for the welfare of our state.

My main concerns (of many) are as follows:

- health implications of the community. Families directly impacted by the wells being in close/mid proximity to their homes, and the water quality that has significant risks to the quality of drinking water for the extended community. My husband and I made the sea change to the Surfcoast shire in Paraparap, wanting to bring up our family in a healthy, active and community engaged environment. I don't believe these will be possible with CSG in the region, and I will not take the health risks for my children growing up near a CSG well site. To the people reviewing this submission, if the government allowed a CSG well next to your home/community how would you feel about it? Would you feel comfortable bringing up your children near a well?

- food production

The organic and fresh Victorian produce market is booming. These regions are prime agricultural land, which are not allowed to be subdivided so the region keeps farming land for produce. We are currently growing, spray free garlic, native honey, chemical free beef, and have plans to expand into other areas to create a diverse, environmental friendly produce for the region. If you look at the ariel photos from any location, but let's suggest Queensland, any of the CSG sites with wells, you can see the land is dead and there is no chance of growing any good quality produce. Victorians want to buy healthy Victorian food, that they know where it's coming from. If you are concerned about jobs, think of the chain of jobs that will be lost if particular regions can no longer grow safe/healthy produce. Would you purchase produce that was grown next to a CSG well site?

- water security

The desalination was built using huge amounts of money as we have a drought in this country. Yet the CSG wells, will use huge amounts of water to carry out their procedures, taking away from the clean ground water. It is hard enough for farmers to manage the challenges associated with drought let alone be handicapped by having the natural ground water taken away and potentially poisoned.

- surrounding areas property prices

Having a CSG well any where near a persons home/land will significantly bring down the properties values to that region, potentially leaving families with mortgages higher than their property price.

- community

It has been shown in other regions that communities have been ripped apart through introduction of mining/CSG sites.

- No benefits to Vic

I can not see any benefits to Victorians, and I am saddened how a few very wealthy companies could destroy so much of this state/community/peoples lives just to make more money for themselves. The benefits are to the mining companies, not to the communities.

Please consider the community submissions, actions and voices we are the people voting for you, our children will be the next generation voting for you and living with your decision. Please listen to the communities, we have said NO we don't want any CSG in our region. I will be voting for who ever has the strongest actions against CSG in our region. Please do not be pressured into a decision by big business, there is no room for CSG in Victoria. The community support against CSG builds more and more everyday, there is no stopping how we feel. Please do not proceed with something we do not want in our towns.

Regards
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