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Dear Inquiry Secretariat

**Submission to the Victorian Government Inquiry into Unconventional Gas**

I wish to be recorded as an objector to the use of fracking to extract gas from productive farmland. I regard it as a breach of the Precautionary Principle in which Australian lawyers have played a leading role internationally but in which the nation and state have been lagging in application. This is a test case of that fundamental principle.

Insufficient is known and too much at risk in the reduction and contamination of ground water supplies and soil. Given that food and water shortage are readily predicted phenomena, it would be the height of recklessness to jeopardise that security, as the Chinese strategically pursue their food and water security in our land

To assume such risk is especially disgraceful, expedient and shortsighted in view of the ready availability of renewable energy resources - sun, wind, wave and thermal. It is anachronistic that the rights to mineral elements should override those of the food producers of the land under which these minerals lie. The lasting economic, social and environmental consequences will be severe and irreversible. If sustainable development is the government's goal, then fracking is to be deemed ineligible.

Yours faithfully

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