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Submission For Unconventional Gas Inquiry 7 June 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

We run a profitable farming business of approximately 2000 acres between Hamilton and Branxholme in Western Victoria. Our enterprise mix includes some cropping, wool production, mutton, prime lamb, some beef and growing out diary heifers over an 18 month period to return on the point of calving to dairy farms.

Over the course of a year, we typically directly employ or contract on a seasonal basis, at different times of the year, in excess of 21 people.

Our children and very possibly our grandchildren will also continue to farm on this land.

We are opposed to unconventional gas mining for the following reasons.

1. If gas mining compromises our aquifers now or in the future, we will be unable to run livestock. We are totally dependent on underground water.
2. This region's ability to trade off our clean green image will be compromised by industrialization of the landscape by gasfields
3. There is increasing evidence coming to light of the many and varied risks associated with this industry.

In summary, agriculture in the region has been successful for a long time and will continue to be successful and make profitable contributions to the local economy and community long into the future. This future should not be compromised for a short term low employment gas industry.

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