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I am a resident of metropolitan Melbourne who is gravely concerned for the future of the water Victorians drink, the land our farmers farm and the consequences of CSG for our rural communities. Where I live and the land I own is not subject to possible CSG mining, the consequences of this type of mining activity will impact on all Victorians and I feel I have a responsibility to make submission to this Inquiry for my children, my grans children and all the people whose lives will be impacted if our water and our land is ruined as a consequence of CSG.

I am a history teacher. I have spent more than 30 years working in Government secondary schools, educating young people to be responsible citizens, to think about the consequences of their actions and to consider the social and environmental consequences of their actions. I am now in my 60s and I am seriously concerned that my generation has not taken more responsibility for the world that we will leave to our children. I feel morally obliged to speak against CSG mining.

Medical practitioners and scientists in Australia and the USA have amassed substantial evidence to support the devastating experiences that communities in Queensland have experienced. We do not want our water supply contaminated, we do not want our farm land contaminated, we do not want our pristine rivers polluted. The list I have just mentioned are all documented consequences of CSG mining.

I thank the parliament of Victoria for the opportunity to make a submission and I acknowledge the strength of our democracy that enables each citizen to speak on issues of public concern. Victoria is in a wonderful position to make a powerful statement about what is important for future generations. Our elected representatives can join governments across the world that are adopting bans on CSG mining and ensuring the quality of their water supply for their constituents. New York and New Brunswick are just two constituencies that have banned fracking.

Coal Seam Gas mining (fracking) is not the solution to our future energy needs, our state has the capacity to generate power from renewable energy supplies in the form of wind and solar. These renewables have the

capacity to employ Victorians , maintain our water quality and ensure our land is managed sustainably for our descendants. The best way to manage the risks associated with Unconventional Gas is to not have the risk at all. Victoria;s Parliament has the chance to make the socially and environmentally responsible decision to make an outright ban on Unconventional Gas (Coal Seam Gas)

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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