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Sent: Wednesday, 8 July 2015 9:50 AM
To: EPC
Subject: Unconventional Gas Mining

Hi,

My name is Mark Freeman. I am a resident of Melbourne and a concerned constituent of a State considering Unconventional Gas Mining such as Fracking.

I want to make it clear that I absolutely do NOT support a move to activities such as Fracking as a way to access gas for energy purposes. The experiences of many other communities have shown that the practices proposed here are a bad idea in many ways;

- the economic benefits are questionable,
- the health risks to humans are many and considerable,
- the environmental impacts, while understood to an extent, are potentially severe and long lasting. One of the biggest concerns is the uncertainty of impacts on local geology, land stability, water contamination, air contamination, etc.
- the negative flow on effects for communities, such as impacts to tourism and other non gas related industries are often significant.

The uncertainty involved with this industry at every level, unreliability of the practices in this industry, as witnessed by the negative impacts these practices have had in other communities, and the questionable economic impacts when all the flow-on effects are considered, make this a bad practice to consider. I would support a total ban on all unconventional gas drilling and mining in the state of Victoria.

Yours Sincerely,

Mark Freeman.
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