



**New Submission to Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria .**  
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Hello,

Following is my response to the suggestion the Victoria should create an onshore unconventional gas industry.

Such an idea is diametrically opposed to what a secure, safe and prosperous future is for Victoria.

Most qualified scientists with the applicable knowledge understand and agree that if the world generally, and Victoria specifically, is to endure, nearly all fossil fuels, including gas, need to stay where they are, in the ground.

So while the risks associated with unconventional gas are many, the most significant, overriding and pressing is global warming, which is unequivocally connected to the burning of fossil fuels, including unconventional gas.

Rather than investing, or allowing the creation of a unconventional gas industry in Victoria, our government should be working to create a society in which lifestyles can be at least maintained at a level close to what we now enjoy.

Immediately the government elects to pursue the idea of creating a more equal, egalitarian, altruistic and generally fairer society, nearly all the questions raised here:

The potential benefits of onshore unconventional gas as an energy source for the State

The potential risks, including risks to the environment, land productivity, agricultural industries and public health, and whether such risks can be managed

Whether and how an unconventional gas industry could coexist with the legal rights of property owners and existing land and water uses

How this issue is managed in other Australian and international jurisdictions

Potential changes to our legislative and regulatory framework

are irrelevant and so no longer are of concern to anyone.

Robert McLean,



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