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Victoria must not bow down to the mining companies who want to carry out unconventional gas mining in our state. It would not matter how many restrictions you put on these companies, there is still a total lack of responsibility and respect for other peoples land and health. Monitoring is not taken seriously and is only done after an event which the company completely denies. Most toxic spills are covered up until someone discovers it and then reports it. The landholder is then told he has to prove the chemicals in his bore came from the fracking of the seams. As this is an expensive and useless exercise after the event the poor landholder ends up with toxic water.

I have met the people from Tara who are suffering horrendous health problems from sitting in the middle of a coal seam gas field with gases leaking from the gas installations. The smell near the Tara CSG installations is dreadful and makes you sick. Qld. Health washed their hands of these poor people because no one in Government in Queensland will hold the CSG companies to account. The Tara landholders had their dirt roads sprayed with the so called "produced water" which is full of toxins and now they suffer from bleeding noses and ears, eye problems, breathing problems and headaches. Doctors have done the research on CSG and have declared it a health hazard to the public as well as being no cleaner than coal which is causing climate change. If you have a CSG installation near your home then it is unsalable so you have nowhere to go.

We have wonderful scientists and many renewable options for power so it is time we stopped kissing the backsides of multinational CSG mining companies and looked to the health and well being of our own people and the health of our planet.

I think the question to ask our politicians is are they willing to have their properties covered with CSG wells and raise their children and animals in the midst of this toxic industry? I am sure that the answer would be a resounding NO.

A lady I know who worked for the CSG companies for 18 months became very ill with respiratory problems

which were very hard to diagnose. She was sacked from her job when she asked for workers compensation because she became ill on the job. It has taken her a long time but she is now well again and will never work for a CSG firm again. There are many CSG workers who become ill but all responsibility is denied by the companies so these people have nowhere to turn because the Government will not look into these matters.

Victoria will be destroyed if you allow CSG mining here. It is causing minor earthquakes overseas and some companies have banned it altogether after seeing what has happened in the USA.

CSG mining must be totally banned in Australia.

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