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Sent: Wednesday, 8 July 2015 3:09 PM
To: EPC
Subject: Submission for Inquiry into Unconventional Gas
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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached and below my submission to the Parliamentary State Inquiry into Unconventional Gas.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Alquier

SUBMISSION:

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Re: Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into Unconventional Gas

I live in the small dairy beef and crop producing village of Poowong in Gippsland. Gippsland is a large part of the food bowl of Australia, producing over 24% of Australia's milk alone. I do not support any form of unconventional gas mining or exploration including csg, tight gas, shale gas and underground coal gasification.

Three years ago I was part of a group of locals who surveyed 550 people in the Poowong community (including Poowong, Poowong East & Poowong North) and found that 95% do not want unconventional gas mining on their land or road, we were the first to declare ourselves Gasfield Free in Victoria, and now we have 61 communities in Victoria declared Gasfield Free and growing, wanting to ban all unconventional gas drilling permanently in Victoria.

Not only would it ruin our food bowl, because it contaminates the water, the area would become noisy & dirty causing an unhealthy atmosphere for 24hrs a day, damaging our small country roads with their big trucks, causing also danger with excess traffic.

Mining companies do not create permanent employment (particularly locally) we have a great opportunity for clean healthy jobs in renewables as we have plenty of sun and wind. (Germany, have less than us, however put us to shame with all their renewable energy)

I have 8 solar panels and my electricity costs about \$100 a year. My daughter and her family live very happily off the grid with 20 solar panels.

Unconventional gas is a fossil fuel that is harder and riskier to extract than conventional gas, needing to frack to release gas energy which causes higher cost and the use of chemicals causing untold damage of which we and the mining companies do not know the full extent of. We are subject to bush fires and having mining and gas wells would increase immensely the great danger of fire due to gas wells needing to be flared off.

I am part of a large group of passionate active concerned residents in Victoria and want to see a ban on all unconventional gas drilling in Victoria and I am not alone, we are gaining people power.

The next generation will say "thank-you" to our great campaign of "Lock the Gate" as we realise the government will not do the right thing, so our campaign is willing, determined and passionate to do whatever is necessary to save our land our water our life our precious Mother Earth our home.

I am urging this government to do what our last state government could not, protect us from unconventional gas and put in place a total ban.

Thank -you for your time and hopefully your serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Alquier

