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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you of Wurdale Landcare Groups position on Coal Seam Gas exploration and fracking in our area. The Wurdale Landcare Group encompasses the areas of Winchelsea South, Wurdeboluc, Wensleydale and Gherang and surrounds. We are an active group with broad interests ranging from soil improvement and weed control to our local flora and fauna and environment. However, a common concern of all of our members is, and continues to be fracking and CSG exploration, and the impact this will have on our sensitive natural environment, as well as on the important farming and agricultural pursuits that this area supports.

We acknowledge and appreciate the need for ongoing sources of energy. To source this energy at the risk of our environment and agriculture is short-sighted and irresponsible.

We believe that Victoria should be promoting and supporting renewable energy sources, in particular solar energy. This Government has long been on the forefront of innovation and community consultation, and we trust that these attributes will allow an environmentally responsible decision on this issue.

Yours truly

N. Thompson-Secretary, Wurdale Landcare