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Secretary, Environment & Planning Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3002

Submission to the Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria

Dear Sir

Let me start by introducing [myself](#). I am 67, a retired IT specialist, and resident of [REDACTED]. Since retiring I have had the time to read, understand, and take a position on issues that are important to Australian society. One of these issues is climate change, and this in turn has led to me to understanding the causes of climate change. One cause is the burning of gas. However CSG has added problems of the fracking process used to extract it. Fracking damages farming land and underground water, and can destroy the lives of farmers who have CSG under their property.

I therefore do not support any form of unconventional gas mining, including coal seam gas, tight gas, shale gas or underground coal gasification. Victoria must ban all unconventional gas drilling permanently or we will soon have the terrible situation we now find in Queensland, NSW and in many other places throughout the world.

There are numerous sources that I have read, or videos I have viewed, that have formed this opinion. However to keep this submission to one page I include just three **VIDEOS**. If you have not seen them, please view them, they say what I believe far better than any words I might write.

[Alan Jones](#), the right-wing Sydney radio broadcaster, grew up in a Queensland farming community. I strongly support his stand on the damage fracking for CSG does to farming land and farming communities. Alan's [address](#) to the National Press Club in October 2011 is here on **VIDEO**.

[Senator Glenn Lazarus](#) wants to establish a "Royal Commission into the Human Impact of CSG mining". This **VIDEO** of his speech to the senate explains why he has asked that people sign [this petition](#) to support his campaign. He wants to stop the damage caused by CSG that has occurred to farms and farmers in Queensland and for it to never to occur in Victoria.

ABC 4-CORNERS broadcast this **VIDEO** in April 2013. It exposes the dangers and long term problems associated with fracking for unconventional gas.

Please take the time to view the Alan Jones **VIDEO**, the Glenn Lazarus **VIDEO** and the ABC **VIDEO**.

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