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We are newly arrived in Metung and were drawn here by the natural beauty of the area and access to the Gippsland Lakes. My submission is adapted from a declaration I wrote for the Deans Marsh and Bambra Community (we moved from here)in their fight to protect their environment.

In this area of East Gippsland we have fertile soils, steady rains and pure water. We also have residents and ratepayers dedicated to protecting these valuable assets, not only for this community, but for those in the future who will continue to manage the land and water resources and respect the environment that sustains us all.

We want the water in our aquifers, wetlands, rivers and water catchments to remain pure and drinkable for plants, animals and people. We want to continue to produce the best beef, fish, wine and dairy products from uncontaminated Gippsland soils.

Our lakes and sea, clean air, and pastoral landscapes continue to attract urban and city dwellers keen to draw in the restorative powers of our stunning forests, fields and water courses.

This does not sit well with industrialized gas fields and the risks to our agriculture and fishing industry. Our fight is not against progress but against those who do not see and do not value what we do, and the land and waters in our care.

The currency of our environmental assets is too valuable to risk. It is a process that could compromise this for short term gains but with long term negative consequences.

We will not grieve in the future for a present we can protect now.

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