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Subject: Please do not allow fracking in Victoria
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Dear Victorian Government Inquiry

I am writing to register my horror at the idea that fracking could be allowed in Victoria. There has been much evidence in the USA that fracking poisons water supplies and ruins farming. Good arable land in the vicinity of fracking plants becomes loaded with high salt levels, making it unusable for growing crops, as a result of the fracking industry. The water becomes contaminated, so animals cannot be pastured on the land. Of course the fracking industry will tell you that current practices will ensure such "side-effects" do not occur, but why should these get-rich-quick companies be telling the truth? The damage fracking can do is NOT something that can be easily fixed, if ever. Once cyanide and other poisons get into the soil and water, they can't be "cleaned up". They just can't. The land cannot be "rehabilitated" whatever the fracking industry's PR says.

In addition, grassroots Australia is moving firmly (even if the Abbott government refuses to acknowledge this) towards renewable energy. My roof is not suitable for solar panels, but my electricity is now sourced from an entirely renewable company and is carbon neutral, and I intend to change my gas stove for an electric model and thus stop using/creating carbon pollution as far as is possible. I AM NOT ALONE. In a decade or two I do not think there will be much demand for gas, and we should NOT ruin farming land -- which we will need to feed our burgeoning population -- for centuries, to give a short-term gain for fracking companies.

Victorian Inquiry: make the RESPONSIBLE choice. Do not allow fracking.

Thank you for your attention.

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