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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today to express my concerns regarding the practice of hydraulic fracturing, otherwise known as fracking. This procedure uses large amounts of water in combination with sand and chemicals to push natural gas out of the ground. I have listed my concerns and suggestions below.

Concerns

- Chemicals used in fracking are considered "proprietary" and not subject to public scrutiny.
- Spills from mishandling waste and inadequate equipment threaten ground and surface water.
- Waste stored in open holding ponds allows evaporation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and methane (a greenhouse gas 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide) into the atmosphere.
- **Water needed for farming, ranching and household use faces risks of contamination.**

Suggestions

- Farmers should have the opportunity to refuse drilling rigs.
- Open holding ponds of contaminated waste water must not be permitted.
- Insurance from drilling companies must taken out, so farmers are covered when contamination happens.
- Comprehensive state regulation of polluting emissions of drilling, storage, and transporting is essential. As we have seen in QLD, this has not happened.

You're probably unaware that we have quite an informative and unbiased newspaper in Hamilton, whom sides with the anti-fracking movement and farmers, so our votes will strongly be influenced by this most aggressive and disrespectful act, which in turn, tells us that the government blatantly has no concerns for any resident in Australia and future farming. All Australians deserve clean air and fresh safe drinking water.

The evidence is clear, right across the planet, this is the wrong move and will effect everyone... even you.

Be smart, be brave and be compassionate. Can you hear us? Do you fully understand why we're concerned?

Thank you for your time.

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