

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria.

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SUBMISSION CONTENT:

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Dear committee members,

I am Craig Lambie, citizen of Victoria, I live in the Metro area, but grew up in country Vic, so understand both areas well, and still love the countryside for it's beauty and of course ability to supply food :)

I am absolutely not a supporter of "unconventional gas mining" of any sort. Regardless of the apparent safety measures companies are going to, they have not proven in any district to be effective, and most companies have a terrible history of leaving a real mess behind for communities.

Addressing the Terms of Reference:

1.

I really do not understand how/ why we would as a community value gas over our health, our food bowl, other sector jobs and pristine countryside we currently maintain (think tourism) There are other ways to get energy, cheaper from a direct cost perspective, and undoubtable cheaper when ALL costs to public health, land and air are taken into account.

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The risks are so high it is just unheard of there is even an need for this review at all. Just google "peer reviewed fracking danger" and you find a whole list of academic studies done on the incredible dangers to public health, water table issues etc.

An example:

<http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/avnervengosh/duke-study-on-shale-gas-and-fracking/>

3. - 6.

I don't see the need to specifically repeat myself for these points, anybody with half a clue can understand all of these risks from the above.

7. Future Direction of the State

Victoria has an opportunity to be a state that invests in the future, not the past (as gas is very much)

South Australia is almost at the point of not needing the gas "peakers" for electricity due to the amount of Solar and Wind installed in the state, looking at almost 100% peak coverage in just a few years.

There are Billions in the renewable energy investment field as the major funds of the world move out of fossil fuels, if we are to encourage that investment here, we should be discouraging investment in the past, and look at regulating towards encouraging renewable innovations.

Regards and best of luck

Craig Lambie