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Thank you for this opportunity.
I live in Melbourne and have friends and family living in rural Victoria.
I seldom write to governments. However, i would like to submit to you that Victoria should permanently ban not only coal seam gas drilling but ALL forms of unconventional drilling, including "tight" gas.
I began to be informed about this issue 18 months ago when I attended a 2 hour talk in Fitzroy by John Fenton, a farmer from America's Wyoming, a man whose farm was totally ruined by unconventional drilling. Politics-wise Fenton is a self-confessed conservative, so it was all the more compelling as he outlined calmly, methodically and in fine detail how the drilling company came to arrive at his property and devastate it.
Since that night I have heard account after account from Australians, many from Queensland, some from elsewhere, which replicate and confirm the truth of what Fenton was saying.
The health risks are very great (see your terms of reference.)
So are the environmental risks (see likewise your terms of reference) as well as the risk to the legal rights on property owners and the impact on their property values. There is now ample data emerging about these severe risks both from America and Australia.

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