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Hi, my name is Dave Archer, I am an insurance broker and I live in [REDACTED]

I would really like to see a complete and permanent ban on all forms of UCG exploration and mining in Victoria.

There is a mountain of scientific research that shows us the problems that this type of mining causes. Even if you are sceptical of some of the science is it worth the risk? Do we want to be responsible for the next 'asbestos' catastrophe?

Besides the environmental problems associated with the water table and aquifers being polluted, there is the loss of quality agricultural land, land that is in short supply to feed our ever growing population.

Also at risk is the tourism sector that provides so many jobs and brings millions of dollars into the Victorian economy.

The bigger picture is, "do we need more fossil fuels anyway?" If the jury is still out on our ongoing need for fossil fuels, and more and more the world is turning away from carbon based products for energy, then why risk the environment, community health, jobs, food security and our economy to allow something we don't need or want?

I hope you get lots of submissions from Victorians like me who care deeply about this state, a state I have lived all my 53 years, and a state I love and who's land I respect

Regards Dave Archer

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