

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I am writing to you as a resident of Moriac and member of our local group, Frack Free Moriac.

I moved here 2 years ago to provide my children with a healthy environment in which to grow and thrive. We have connected with our community and love where we live. Our group is a community group that came together after finding out about a Petroleum Licence (PEP163) that covered our town. We each had our own individual concerns and decided that we must do something as a community.

This Petroleum Licence and the prospect of fracking occurring here presents a dark shadow over our town and the people that live here. Together with Moriac, the neighbouring towns of Mt Moriac, Paraparap, Freshwater Creek, Gherang, Modewarre, Buckley, Barrabool and Gnarwarre are all against fracking and are joined together with Frack Free support.

On Sunday 14th September 2014, our community came together to celebrate. We celebrated what is great about our towns; quiet, tranquil, green, friendly, and beautiful. And we celebrated our declaration, that Moriac, Mt Moriac, Paraparap and Freshwater Creek would be Gasfield free.

My neighbour and friend, Damien, who is a local plumber, stated on the day that 'We love where we live. Moriac, Mt Moriac, Paraparap and Freshwater Creek are beautiful country towns, where agriculture is a way of life and a primary source of employment and income for many residents. We enjoy the peace and quiet. We enjoy living in some of the most pristine locations in the Surf Coast. We thrive on the strong community spirit that is present in our communities and our willingness to unite as one when needed. We have done it before and we will do it again! Anything that threatens to disrupt our way of life will not be overlooked, and today is about making a public declaration on behalf of our

communities that we will stand together and do whatever it takes to protect our way of life, and that of the future generations.'

After surveying our towns, we have democratically declared ourselves Gas field Free.

97% of Moriac residents voted to declare our town Gas field Free and Frack Free....our motto is Frack Free Moriac.

I am writing this as one member of our group and I would like to make it clear that although you may not receive submissions from each and every one of our residents, it is clear that the industry is not

welcome in our area.

I am very frustrated with the notion that we need to prove the industry is not safe. I am not going to go into all the reasons why our towns are locking their gates. Instead I'll quote from our declaration:

We stand together as a community against gas field industrialization.

We stand together as a community against risks to our water.

We stand together as a community against risks to our health.

We stand together as a community, one strong community who has locked the gate.

Thank you

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