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- I live in Coleraine, which now relies entirely for potable water, on a source from the Tulloch Bore, west of Casterton. The groundwater systems of this part of Victoria are extensive and interlinked, both with each other, and of course with surface water sources. It is of great concern that gas extraction within the relevant basins, may affect groundwater reserves in the future.
- I believe that the faster Victoria reduces energy use via smart technology, and installs renewable energy generating mechanisms ...(in this region, solar, wind and hopefully wave energy), then the less commercial pressure will be there for gas extraction. There is no pressing need for this gas at this time, and the price of gas is controlled via commercial competition on a global market. The local community would lose its assets of clean agriculture and water, and Tourism, for the commercial operators gain.
- I personally have reduced energy use by installing LED lighting, double glazed windows, insulation in my walls as well as the original ceiling insulation. I have also had solar HWS and solar PV cells for some years. I do not live in a gas reticulation area, and I have an electric induction cooktop. So I am reducing energy use as well as producing my own, and manage without any gas.
- Agriculture and Tourism are important industries that could be affected by any development of onshore gas wells, and in particular unconventional gas. Once those industries, which have many integrated benefits for the communities they involve, are damaged by gas exploration activities, the losses to Agriculture and Tourism would be irredeemable.
- I do not wish to see exploration for onshore gas, and in particular unconventional gas, proceed.

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