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**From:** Gaye Cooper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 July 2015 8:39 AM  
**To:** EPC  
**Subject:** Submission Re: Unconventional Gas

My name is Gaye Cooper,

I live at Portland in the Western District of Victoria and a Small Business Owner, I wish to convey my opposition to unconventional coal seam gas, tight gas, shale gas, mining, referred to as Fracking. The risks associated with this Industry's methods of extraction using many different chemicals will impact on all aspects of our environment and way of life,

- \* Permanent and Irreversible contamination off water aquifer's,
- \* Destruction of farm lands for food production and export produce, (result: no food production, no income, no employment, property values plummet, communities at large become reliant on Social Welfare... all of which has a long term negative impact for communities and generations to come
- \* Destruction of National Parks & Forests will have a devastating affect on our Native Wildlife, in particular bird life that access their drinking water from gas company's poisonous tailings dams, the complete defoliation of forests, wild life habitat and agricultural lands as a result of flood waters filling and overflowing from these tailings dams.
- \* Our Tourism Industry will also suffer as a result of this noisy, dirty, air & water polluting Industry.
- \*Coal Seam Gas mining is short sighted and is a short term viability.

\*Coal Seam Gas mining is a destroyer of our life style, local economies, employment sustainability, health and well being.

As communities throughout Australia overwhelmingly support the "No Gas Fields", "Gas Fields Free Communities" and "Lock the Gate" campaigns, Political parties decision making should first & foremost be about protecting our citizens from, Invasive, harmful & destructive overseas interests.

\* Political Parties should be looking at progressive country's for example Germany, France and other progressive nations, to develop a sustainable, healthy & viable future for Australia.

\*As citizens we have a right to clean water for drinking and food production,

\* Governments have a responsibility to protect these resources for it's citizens for generations to come.

Gaye Cooper