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To: EPC

Subject: Fracking in Victoria

To whom it may concern,

Please allow me to add my voice to the protests against Fracking in Victoria.

While I am no scientist, I have taken the time to research this industry in a number of other countries and what I have found seriously disturbs me.

I have found that despite the assurances given by the industry, in many if not most cases, some damage is done to the ground water. In some cases the damage is irreversible and no amount of work by the industry can repair the damage to farming and the communities it supports. We have a very strong green farming credential around the world and we are putting that industry at risk by allowing fracking.

Some argue it is okay to take the risk in non farming land and this too I disagree with, as the ones 'taking the risk' are usually international corporations from places with appalling environmental records in their own countries, so what do they care about our country thousands of km away. Arguably none.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Halcomb