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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to inform you of my grave concerns for the livelihood of Victorians everywhere if we pursue unconventional gas. I strongly believe Victoria needs a permanent ban on all unconventional gas.

There are many reasons for this but I'll list a few.

1. There is no guarantee or surefire way of managing the risks to our farm land and water resources that unconventional gas poses.

Even when regulatory systems are in place such as the Hazelwood mine fire, we know these systems can fail and lead to public health and environment disasters.

It is simply not worth the risk it poses to existing jobs, especially in industries which rely upon the land including farming and tourism.

2. According to peak bodies like the AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator) there is no gas shortage here in Vic or anywhere in Australia.

Following this report, why would the government authorise risky practices to extract gas that is simply not needed in our great nation.

3. If we forecast into the future, we can see that there is a global movement, which Victoria needs to be a part of, towards zero net emissions.

There is growing evidence mounting that gas isn't as clean as everyone thought. The pursuit of a 'cleaner'

fossil fuel is increasingly in contrast with the range of energy efficient and clean renewable energy sources we can harvest from the sun, the wind, and waves of our great state. There is no place/ increasingly a smaller place for gas in Victoria's future energy mix

If Victoria truly wants to be considered a leader on climate change, the Victorian government cannot allow a new gas industry to be established.

4. In purely economic terms, no amount of new gas production will reduce the prices that consumers have to pay. Our current gas prices have increased because our east coast LNG exports have linked us to international markets where prices are much higher. Therefore a new Vic gas industry will not save everyday consumers money.

These 4 points outline why the best solution for consumers, our state's environmental and sustainable reputation, the actual environment, our farmers, our tourism industry and all of our health is more energy efficiency initiatives rather than supporting a new gas industry.

Kind Regards,

Tegan Kop



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