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Message Body

Fossil fuels are so last millenium!

Please do not go forward with unconventional gas extraction - fracking! There is undeniable evidence that the process of extracting gas by fracking pollutes the water table which affects the drinking water for humans and livestock. I hope the panel have all viewed Gasland - a great film about this practice. Fracking also destroys the environment by making farming impossible on land that cannot support plants. And thereby causes a knock on effect of causing job losses for farmers, graziers and nursery men+women. Do the right thing and do not allow fracking to come to Victoria.

Our energy needs can certainly be lessened by proper economics (ie by removing all subsidies from all fossil fuels) and pursuing the use of sustainable, renewable energy sources. Of particular relevance is the replacement of carbon based energy sources by using solar, wind and or tidal power. We can make Victoria and dare I say all of Australia, an example to the world by stopping the support for fossil fuel based energy needs. Do it now!

Victoria needs a permanent ban on all unconventional gas.

Protecting Victoria from fracking and other unconventional gas will protect existing jobs, especially in agriculture and tourism.

There's no way that the risks to farming land and our water resources can be safely managed. We saw from the Hazelwood mine fire that regulatory systems can fail, and that failure can lead to environmental and public health disasters. It is not worth the risk. The operator is presently shirking their financial responsibilities to pay for their failures. They are not the first company to do this.

According to the Australian Energy Market Operator, there is no gas shortage in Victoria or anywhere else in Australia, so there is no need to risk the health of crucial farmland just to extract gas that we don't need.

Victoria needs to transition rapidly to zero net emissions. Beyond Zero Emissions have excellent information on how easily this can be achieved. There is growing evidence of fugitive emissions (ie. leaking) from unconventional gas processes, showing that gas is not as clean as once thought, and there is no time for fossil fuels that are just less dirty. Gas therefore has no place in Victoria's future energy mix. If

Victoria is to be considered a leader on climate change, the government cannot allow a new gas industry to be established.

No amount of Victorian gas production will reduce the prices that consumers have to pay. Gas prices have increased because LNG exports from the east coast have linked us to international markets where prices are higher. A Victorian gas industry will not save consumers money. The best solution for consumers to reduce gas bills is through energy efficiency initiatives.

Thank you for considering this.

Yours sincerely Jane Brownrigg

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