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I submit that Victoria should not exploit further coal or gas reserves, particularly not when "fracking" is involved. There is plenty of evidence from the United States to substantiate concerns about ways in which this process might endanger water reserves and agricultural land. Fugitive emissions are hard to identify and cannot be predicted. In a small state like Victoria there is no way to put a safe distance between areas where it is planned to exploit coal seam gas and adjoining food production areas. The A.E.M.O has stated that there is no gas shortage in Victoria or anywhere else in Australia and Victorian gas production will not 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. The Hazelwood mine fire shows clearly that government regulations can not protect citizens from disaster, even in conventional mining where the risk factors were well known. To allow this unnecessary and risky "fracking" is irresponsible and history will judge us harshly if we allow it.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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