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I believe that there should be no development of an onshore natural gas industry in Victoria.

My principal concern is the potential impact on water resources.

The proposed industry requires large volumes of water, and this must have an impact on the availability of water for domestic, agricultural and other uses, particularly in times of recurrent drought.

A significant part of water provision in the Geelong region is drawn from ground water supplies. There can be no guarantees that the quantity and quality of water from this source will not be diminished due to the drilling processes, especially fracking, associated with onshore natural gas development. The quantity of water available may be diminished by aquifer depletion as has been evident in the Yarram region of Victoria. The quality of water may be diminished by contamination of aquifers either from chemicals used in the fracking process or by damage to aquifers allowing the intrusion of saline or other mineral material. It would also seem that any damage done to the subsurface can never be undone.

There should be an attitude of zero risk to any activities that threaten ground water resources

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