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Mr.Keir Delaney,
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Melbourne. Vic. 3002

re: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria.

Dear Mr Delaney,

I am very concerned about the possibility developing an unconventional gas industry in Victoria for the following reasons:

1. I believe that it would be impossible to prevent contamination of the water table and hence the water supply for domestic and agricultural use.
2. The escape of gas into the atmosphere, where mining has occurred in other places. We do not need more greenhouse gases in the air.
3. Loss of good farmland. This could occur as mining would require buildings, plant and infrastructure, water storage etc. The land may also be rendered unfit for agriculture because of loss of ground water. In Victoria we have already lost much good farming and orchard land by the spreading development of housing, factories, shopping centres, sporting facilities etc. This is very obvious around Melbourne.
4. Industrial gas development would have other environmental effects, especially if intruding into forest, wetland or fauna and flora reserves. We have seen in the past how very difficult it is to preserve this type of area once mining interests want to use it.
5. There is also a strong case for not mining gas, coal and oil any further, apart from not putting any more greenhouse gas into the atmosphere, to prevent further climate change. These fuels are the source of many chemicals which are used in manufacture of plastics and many other substances in industry and research. Future generations will wonder why we burnt these precious things just to burn for energy and for financial gain.

Yours faithfully

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