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I live in the Glenelg Shire, South West Victoria, in a 'shale' gas area. My husband, Matt and I own and operate a productive dairy farm of 525 acres. We are greatly concerned for our health and happiness, which may be affected with the arrival of Unconventional Gas Mining. But our most concerning point is about the affect and impacts that may happen to the aquifers in Victoria. Water is life and survival, without water there is nothing. Dairy Australia gave information at a presentation to dairy farmers that there is minimal risk, but still risk nevertheless. There has already been an aquifer 'accidentally' polluted in NSW through B-Tex, which naturally occurs in the Earth's layers, but was released because of the mining process. When mining in shale areas for gas, each frack uses between 11 megalitres(ML) – 34ML. The water usage is so extreme and no-one knows how long each aquifer would withstand that amount of use. It could therefore leave towns and agriculture with nothing to live on. We don't think Victoria's aquifers should be put at risk, whether the risk is great or small. Thank you for your time.

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