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**From:** Debra Fowler [REDACTED]  
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**To:** EPC  
**Subject:** Submission regarding Unconventional Gas Mining

My name is Debra Fowler.

I live in Jeetho, Victoria.

I work as office manager for a renowned Australian winery.

I have grave concerns regarding unconventional gas mining and do NOT support it in any form, be it coal seam gas, tight gas, shale gas or underground coal gasification.

Many communities in Victoria have already declared themselves against unconventional gas mining.

It seems clear to me that there needs to be careful and extensive consultation with the Victorian community before the Victorian Government reaches the point of *even considering* granting licences to organisations to conduct any form of unconventional gas mining.

There is clear evidence from around the world showing the inherent dangers to the environment through unconventional gas mining.

It is vital that we protect our environment from any further damage.

There are more important considerations at stake here than financial ones.

We need to take the long view of our future, where will we be in 100 years, 200 years, longer?

Unconventional gas mining, by its very nature, is short-sighted. There is no care for the environmental future, just the desire to take what it can, now, and worry about tomorrow another day.

I believe Australia, as a nation, should have a total ban on unconventional gas mining.

As a first step, I would be pleased to see Victoria make a stand and set the example.

Sincerely,

Debra Fowler  
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