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To the Environment & Planning Committee,

Victorian Government,

As a nurse, I am extremely concerned by the potential health impacts from unconventional gas drilling. There is no guarantee that this is a safe process, with a known risk of potential contamination of water from the chemicals utilised in the fracturing process, with many of these chemicals known to cause harm to humans.

It is also extremely concerning that the Victorian Government in considering unconventional gas, when there is a risk of methane leakage, a gas known to contribute to climate change.

In a time where unemployment is affecting our state, particularly my local town of Geelong, it seems only appropriate to support renewable energies, where long term job security is guaranteed.

Unconventional Gas is a topic that has not been ignored by Victorian communities, with at least 30 communities already declaring themselves gasfield-free. The Government needs to respect the wishes and concerns of Victorian communities.

I am asking the Victorian government to consider a permanent ban on unconventional gas in Victoria, a short term industry with risks far too large to ignore.

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