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Dear Committee of Inquiry

I live on a farm in the Otway Ranges behind Apollo Bay, Victoria. I run sheep & cattle on a 50 Ha property in a beautiful unpolluted rural area. Our hilly landscape would make UCG extraction difficult or impossible but I have concerns for other communities in my state

I am opposed to all forms of unconventional gas exploration & extraction & wish to see a permanent ban on these activities. They endanger water supplies both surface & underground, they cause disruption to farming activities, removing prime agricultural land from food & fibre production & put the tourism industry at risk

The evidence from international activities & from the Queensland & NSW mining to date demonstrate the toxicity caused by this industry. The local disruption, traffic, heavy demand on local water supplies & the subsequent disposal of water contaminated with toxic carcinogenic chemicals is too large a price to pay for the production of a fossil fuel for export. I believe that renewable energy is the key to our future needs

I believe a moratorium on production is an unsatisfactory approach & that we need a total permanent ban on exploration & extraction - many other families, farmers, tourism operators, local government authorities, environmental groups & medical experts would seem to agree that this nasty, dirty, exploitive industry is not wanted

I hope that our voices will be heard

regards

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