

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria.

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My wife and I live on a 10 acre property which relies on bore water for irrigation and watering stock. The property is in a dairy industry belt. The property was purchased with our life savings. This property has been subject in the recent past to a severe earth tremor which at the time shook the house so severely that it felt and sounded as if the heating system had exploded in the ceiling.

Our concerns are if fracking was to occur:

That any future tremors like the most recent would put at risk our water supply, pasture and trees by fracturing underground structures featured in fracking which would contaminate the water and poison the soil, also ruining the land for future generations.

That the fact that tremors could cause this damage would render our property valueless and leave us destitute when we will eventually need to down size, depriving us of the standard of living we've worked our lifetime for and leaving us dependent on family and welfare.

That we will be unable to control the destiny of our property should fracking occur as there is no guarantee that neighbours would not accept a payout and that we would be subject to contamination and devaluation regardless of our stance.

We only have a small property but it would be disastrous to us and many, many other small property holders as there is no guarantee that further tremors will not occur and that the subterranean structure will not be compromised affecting not only our physical but also our mental health.

It is unethical to give a company the power to destroy the land for the future and destroy the quality of lives of

ordinary Australians who have payed their taxes and worked to make this country home, simply for financial exploitation.

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