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My name is Andrew Ellery. I live on Cape Otway Road in the Moriac township with my wife and two young children. I am a high school teacher by profession, teaching outdoor and environmental studies and I am deeply concerned by the potential impacts that unconventional gas mining could have on my family and community. As a result, I do not support any form of unconventional gas mining (including coal seam gas, tight gas, shale gas and underground coal gasification).

Towns throughout the Surf Coast Shire, including Moriac, have strongly opposed unconventional gas mining. So much so that the Shire has passed motions to not support such mining. There is no social contract to mine here.

I am concerned about the risks to the quality of farming land, water, food security and the environment. Our region relies on farming and tourism for significant employment and unconventional gas mining puts these at risk. The experience of the townships in Queensland that have been negatively affected by unconventional gas mining are evidence of the potential impacts that could eventuate here. Severe skin irritation, increased rates of asthma, severe and recurrent nosebleeds, severe neurological effects and increased congenital defects have all been experienced. With our denser population, these impacts would be even more strongly felt. I will never support unconventional gas mining in any form.

We live on a major road that currently sees trucks travelling along it during the day. I am concerned that unconventional gas mining would increase the number of heavy vehicles substantially, at all times of the day and night. This would affect our health and wellbeing.

There is no need to source this gas. It is a fossil fuel, contributing to Victoria's carbon dioxide emissions. At this point, there has been limited investment in broad scale solar power. This would be a much better way to generate power and contributing to Victoria's sustainability.

Please do not allow unconventional gas mining to occur anywhere in Victoria, ever.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Ellery

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