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Dear Committee members,

I would like to begin by stating; in the strongest possible terms, that I do not agree with any sort of unconventional gas mining in Gippsland, the state of Victoria or the combined land mass that constitutes the country of Australia.

It is, to put it bluntly; madness.

There is nothing to be gained by selling short the future of this region, what we do have; is an opportunity to redefine what is acceptable practice for this industry by a government that has so far utterly failed the local community, the future of the farming industry and the next generation of children who have no voice in this debate.

I have no doubt of the plethora of submissions you will have read or will read, condemning this industry, the references to case studies showing the industry to be negligent in its responsibility to the health of the region, the industries own figures showing the percentage of well casing failures and the utter contempt in which it holds anyone (including the Committee members),

In fact I suspect the only concern they hold is for the shareholders in their companies and their own pay checks.

I have lived and worked in Gippsland for nearly 15 years, I have two boys, a strong, beautiful partner and a farm that we are all trying to get up and running. I want to believe that there is a future here, a place where the food that we produce, the ground in which we farm and the water in which we drink is safe, not just for us but for the people that will follow.

Let this industry; this destructive industry pass us by, 20 years of any resource is too short a future to be considered as a viable choice and the risks associated with this one are too great.

Thankyou for the opportunity to submit my objection to this industry and state that the current moratorium not only needs to continue but be broadened to a total ban on this practice of unconventional mining.

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