

**From:** Jim Houston [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 July 2015 9:09 PM  
**To:** EPC  
**Subject:** Enquiry into fracking

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to voice my opposition to fracking on farmlands in Victoria

There is no way that the risks to farming land and our water resources can be safely managed. There is no need to risk the health of crucial farmland just to extract gas that we don't need.

There is evidence of leaking from unconventional gas processes. We saw from the Hazelwood mine fire that regulatory systems can fail, and that failure can lead to environmental and public health disasters. It is not worth the risk.

Gas prices have increased because LNG exports from the east coast have linked us to international markets where prices are higher.

If Victoria is to be considered a leader on climate change, the government cannot allow a new gas industry to be established.

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