

SUBMISSION TO THE VICTORIAN ENQUIRY FOR UNDERGROUND GAS

I would like to strongly appose any moves for onshore unconventional gas in Victoria. I believe this would bring irreversible damage to our precious and unique eco-systems that exist within this state.

I oppose this move from a deeply held philosophical position. We, as people of this beautiful land are custodians of this land. Our role as custodians is to protect, nurture and live in harmony with our natural environment. We are deeply interconnected to nature, in breathing the air, obtaining the food we need and borrowing materials for our existence. We cannot do anything that may put at risk the delicate balance of nature as its life sustains us.

It is very clear that nature will be damaged, polluted and perhaps irreversibly put out of balance. Dangerous chemicals will pollute the soil and water. Knowing this, it is non sensical to proceed. If we damage the earth we will end up damaging all life including our own. This is a self destroying act upon us and all humanity on the earth.

Often I travel to spend a day at Drol Kar a buddhist retreat centre set in the beautiful eucalyptus forests near Anglesea. In the peace of the gardens that surround the centre, many people gather to meditate for peace and harmony in the world and the healing of ourselves and the earth.

I encourage this enquiry in spirit and in heart to join us.

Sincerely,

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