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**Sent:** Thursday, 9 July 2015 10:31 PM  
**To:** EPC  
**Cc:** FrackFree Moriac  
**Subject:** Unconventional Gas Inquiry

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of the Gherang hamlet. My wife and I moved to our 40 acre property 10 years ago, and our family now includes 2 young girls.

We have heard about the unconventional gas issues in the general media and via the local community group - Frack Free Moriac. Needless to say we are extremely opposed to this industry. My family loves and is passionate about maintaining the natural beauty of our environment. We will stand together as a family and with the support of the local community do whatever it takes to protect our environment and way of life.

We are not at all surprised to see the results of a local survey:  
Moriac - 97% wish to declare their town gas field free.  
Mt Moriac – 96% wish to declare their town gas field free  
Paraparap – 92% wish to declare their town gasfield free  
Freshwater creek – 93% wish to declare their town gasfield free

My wife and I are extremely frustrated with the government is still travelling down this path of fossil fuels as opposed to environmentally friendly options such as wind and solar energy. The risks to environment via air, water and soil pollution are still unproven and I assume as per usual the major drive behind this industry is the potential for commercial gain which seems to always outweigh the moral and environmental costs to a community. For us the environmental options are the only options.

We have locked our gate to all gas field industries and intend to keep it that way.

Thank you for your time

Regards,

**Brett  
Drayton**

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