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I'm a long time Geelong resident, recently retired and worried about the effects on the Victorian environment and our living standards if unconventional onshore gas extraction goes ahead

These operations could -

- Pump millions of litres of our water down each well that can never be recovered. As Victoria is prone to drought, an industry requiring such large quantities of often limited drinking water is not sustainable.
- Contaminate the soil and water table because of large quantities of toxic chemicals used to fracture the rock.
- Produce Methane which is a greenhouse gas that can leak pass well liners contaminating soil, ground water and escaping into the atmosphere
- Devalue properties financially and agriculturally. The nature of the process and subsequent exposure from horizontal drilling means proximity to the drill site will affect property values and food production.

This form of mining is relatively cheap but when things go wrong the community shoulders the consequences which in some cases are irreversible.

Experience with unconventional gas extraction overseas and in Australia has shown public health, the environment and agriculture are at risk and often affected. We must protect the current and future Victorian communities by not allowing this industry to be established.

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