

To the Secretary ,

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RE; Submission in Victorian Government Inquiry into UCG.

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Our family would like to endeavor to express our complete disapproval to authorize onshore gas especially hydraulic fracturing, CSG.

We know and feel this is such a destructive process and doesn't justify "its worth" by what it leaves behind. Hopefully you have seen "Gaslands 1 and Gaslands 2". Not being rude but I feel Big dollars are spent promoting all the monetary gain, values to you people that make these decisions for us. But they leave out, or fail to be completely truthful on environment and social outcomes. Our Grandparents went to war to protect our rights from foreign invaders; now it is our own government (re Liverpool Plains, or we sell "us" to China ; surely our land could be rented or you have to be an Australian citizen)

Back on track; We are a family organic farm and produce beef and pork, so we are totally dependent on a grass based system and clean water.

In South Gippsland farm holdings are smaller than that of N.S.W and Queensland due to their high fertility, which would really impact on us more as less space to try to fit both enterprises. They can not co-exist really. Also the terrain in South Gippsland is a mixture of, hilly, flat and steep. In our instance we are roughly a third of each(more of steep really), and to lose our flat would be a huge impact to our production. Plus the soil type is highly erosive. We could not afford any land out of production. Let alone any pollutants. Probably lose our certification and could we get it back?

I am amazed how much methane is released into the atmosphere from Gas wells, a huge amount especially with all this "Global warming era" not the things we should be doing on mass. The poor cow gets blamed instead...but the truth is that on a grass based system the cows methane is cycled back into the ground and another benefit is that Carbon sequestration is occurring, we can actual capture all our Carbon from well managed pastures. Now that's a good, positive and exciting future.

We worry for the future and we hope all the towns that have declared themselves CSG free is taken onboard by your department. This didn't cost the government a cent but

some people organized themselves and spoke to everybody individually to get high 90 plus per cents across Victorian towns in support of farming not onshore gas production. When do people agree to that extent, amazing result really.

We ourselves are too busy but I really appreciated their efforts, as it is a honest attempt to express to the government what the people really want. We want long term employment that can improve social, environment outcomes over time. Not the quick 15 year extraction that leaves huge scars and needs money to repair if it can; chemicals are elusive. See how this year the United Nations declared roundup ready, glyphosate as Cancer causing and it has been banned over the world. Not here and GMO's have it inside them..... but we are clean and green? We could get serious.....

I thank-you for this opportunity and I hope all things will be considered on an equal level, the monetary, the community and the environmental outcomes.

Yours sincerely Stephen and Lee Storti

