

Parliamentary Inquiry into Unconventional Gas

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I have been a resident of Boolarra, Victoria (3870) for almost 30 years, and would like to make a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Unconventional Gas.

I do not wish to see my home, community and surrounding countryside negatively impacted by onshore gas extraction, which I believe will almost certainly occur if the coal seam gas industry is permitted in this area.

I believe that unconventional gas extraction has the potential to damage the prime agricultural land of this district by contaminating the underground aquifers and water supply with toxic chemicals; by polluting the creeks and rivers with chemicals, and by lowering the water table.

In addition, I do not want to see this beautiful landscape industrialised, and I am very concerned that land values will fall as a result. I am also concerned that potential damage to gas pipelines from another earthquake could pose an unacceptable safety risk in this area well known for its seismic activity.

I strongly believe that the onshore gas extraction industry should not be given permission to operate in and around Boolarra, or anywhere else in this state.

Sincerely,

Peter Collins
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