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Submission for Parliamentary Inquiry into unconventional gas

As a resident of Paraparap for the last 12 years, my family and I are proud to call this beautiful area home. Ours is a district rich in a tradition of farming and agriculture, it also has a rapidly growing industry that being of wine making. We are appalled to say the least that our home and livelihoods could be threatened by coal seam gas mining. I personally have long held a view, (and this cannot be changed), is that this practise of coal seam gas mining is dangerous lacks scientific and environmental backing to support its existence. It would seem that short term financial gains for mining companies outweigh common sense and the rights of its residents to put an end to this "unconventional and dangerous" practise. No amount of spin from these companies will ever make me believe that this form of gas mining can be safe from contamination to our water tables, and our farmlands. I truly believe that these guys are playing "God". They care not about any, but for the profits of their companies. What is more depressing is the fact that this type of energy reliance is actually being considered. We as a nation should be leaders in renewables. It is a failure of our government to pursue this form of energy to the detriment of renewables which could, and should put us at the forefront of cutting edge renewable advancement. This direction would give clarity and purpose to our future energy needs, and provide our children for a more balanced and realistic approach to research new ground breaking ideas, leading to a more productive and prosperous future.

We as a group can ignore the warnings that this form of mining will come to our doorstep but I for one will not accept coal seam gas mining in this community that I live in, and will fight it all the way.

Yours truly

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