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I believe fracking is a dangerous form of energy extraction.

The risks are too many and too large.

The potential damage to farmland and water resources cannot be safely managed.

The failure of regulatory processes can lead to environmental and public health disasters as in the case of the Hazelwood mine fire.

We need a permanent ban on all unconventional gas extraction.

There is no shortage of gas supply and so risky processes such as fracking are not necessary.

Rather than introducing a new way to obtain gas, Victoria should be implementing a transition to zero net carbon emissions. Unconventional gas processes have been shown, according to growing evidence, to have fugitive emissions and therefore gas is not as clean an energy source as once thought. Victoria needs to lead on action to stop climate change and a new gas industry and fossil fuels have no place.

No amount of Victorian gas production will reduce the prices that consumers have to pay. Gas prices have increased because LNG exports from the east coast have linked us to international markets where prices are higher. A Victorian gas industry will not save consumers money. The best solution for consumers to reduce gas bills is through energy efficiency initiatives.

Existing jobs, particularly in agriculture and tourism, need to be protected from risky fracking of unconventional and unnecessary gas.

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