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Mr Kier Delaney,  
Secretary, Environment & Planning Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3002

Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria

Dear Sir,

I was unfortunate enough to have the Alcoa power line through my property. At installation, this was very disruptive, and many years later, still is.

My perception is, having observed some of the activities in Qld, and my sons comments from a USA visit, that Gas is more disruptive, with only short term advantage to some locals.

I have a list of old Mines Department, Deep exploration bores. We have noticed that these are being filled in with concrete. We can only presume it is to stop old casings permitting inter Aquifer contamination, as the tags on them mention how important they are for monitoring our water.

The industry paper, 'Why Gas Wells Leak' is essential reading, and having done so, no sensible person could agree to this industry.

The Reith Report mentioned we have enough gas for local demand for about 45 years. However, if we commence export, this will potentially be as little as 15 years. Entering the export market with local gas will not only treble the gas price as we compete with export price, but will leave our hot water systems and our industry short. Industries such as Milk powder, Alcoa, Pivot, to name a few.

This is not an Ultra Green Campaign but a community wide concern.

Yours sincerely,

  
Andrew Pettingill