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To the Environment & Planning Committee,

I am a mother of two children and a professional photographer. I am writing this submission as I am fearful for ours and my children's future should UCG Mining be allowed to operate in Victoria. My concerns are about risks and impacts on our water, air, land and environment.

Firstly, I am totally opposed to all forms of Unconventional Gas Mining (Including CSG, tight gas and shale gas and underground coal gasification).

I am very proud to confirm that I was responsible for organising a human writing on our local beach stating the words 'NO GASFIELDS'. Approximately 500 concerned residents including parents, grandparents, children, local council members, local aboriginal elders and various other tourists and supporting locals. Our message was an attempt to be clear in stating that we want to preserve & protect our environment for lifetimes to come.

My concern about this Industry are as follows:

- * Toxic Chemicals entering our earth as a result of the fracking process.
- * The long term impacts on the environment, our water, the food chain and our health.

*The damage to our beautiful coastline and agricultural areas, we need to protect our ecological, geological, geomorphologic, cultural and historical significance.

*The removal of large quantities of underground water with each fracking process.

*Environmental overlays exist for many reasons, there should be NO SANE REASON TO OVERRIDE THEM FOR ANY REASON, ESPECIALLY MONEY GENERATING OPERATIONS!

*There are so many other cleaner energy alternatives that are commercially and economically available to be developed.

* Fracking has been banned in New York by Governor Andrew Cuomo, there is a 185 page health report stating facts and figures with a conclusion that there is no clean way for this process to be carried out. The health risks are mind blowing, why would we do this to ourselves???

The Victorian Government has a responsibility to me, my children, my grandchildren and all Victorians to provide us with clean, uncontaminated drinking water, protect our food production, protect our environment, protect our tourism industry and protect conservation.

Please BAN Unconventional Gas Mining in Victoria.

Thank you,

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