

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I am strongly opposed to the pursuit of an unconventional gas industry in Victoria (incorporating coal seam gas and fracking) due to its significant environmental impacts, as well as the negative impacts it has on regional communities.

We must focus on growing our renewable energy sector in Victoria as part of a transition to a low carbon economy. Solar and wind renewables are fast becoming highly economical and help to grow a range of jobs in regional locations. That can only be a positive contribution to Victoria's economy and our broader social and community goals.

Renewables are ready and available now to develop at scale. We need to put our focus here rather than be distracted by old carbon intensive energy supplies.

Regards

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