

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I urge you to block the unconventional gas industry from all Victorian land.

It is a polluting process, and contributes to climate change. We do not need it to transition to cleaner sustainable sources of power, like wind, solar, concentrated solar thermal wave and biomass power.

Supporting renewable technologies rather than the dangerous and potentially hazardous CSG drilling will provide the jobs Victoria needs as we transition to a cleaner energy economy. We should be re-skilling and redeploying our coal workers to renewable energy jobs, not wasting time and risking our clean water and farmland with exploration for more fossil fuels.

Coal Seam Gas is very dangerous to our air, water and food providing farmlands, as has been seen in Queensland, and many areas of the U.S. Our clean land, air and water are precious and the proven risks of CSG drilling are not worth it. We should block this damaging and dirty technology for the benefit of all Victorians, current and those yet to be born.

A majority of Victorians do not want CSG and other unconventional gas exploration on their land - we should follow New York City and the state of Ohio among others, and ban unconventional gas exploration.

Please add all of Victoria to this list of concerned communities and ban gasfields in Victoria. At least 30 communities have already declared themselves gasfield-free, and the number continues to grow. Please respect the wishes of Victorian communities.

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