

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

Unlike coal seam gas, renewable energy is risk free to both human and animal health. Coal seam gas has some potentially shocking ramifications for the environment and health. It also contributes to climate change because methane is often leaked into the atmosphere as a byproduct of this type of energy. Coal seam gas exploration threatens the environment, land productivity, agricultural industries, water supply, established communities and public health. The risks are far too great to be mitigated or outweighed by any benefits.

At least 30 communities have already declared themselves gasfield-free, and the number continues to grow. The Government needs to respect the wishes of Victorian communities.

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