

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria.

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I am a resident of Gippsland and am very concerned about the well documented and widely advertised negative affects of on shore gas mining, particularly involving the process of fracking.

This invasive method of extraction involves massive amounts of water which is in short supply at the best and worst of times in our desert continent - our farmers who rely on water for drinking and irrigation are allocated this precious resource sparingly and at considerable cost - mining companies will drain as much of this water as they want.

The process of on shore gas mining involves drilling through the aquifiers to get to the coal bed methane, the science is not availabe to prove without any doubt that this is safe, and that chemicals injected and those naturally occuring deep in the earth will not leach into underground water.

Victoria and particularly Gippsland is a densely populated state, producing \$millions worth of clean, green food sold nationally and internationally. Our a creditation here will be at risk if on-shore gas mining is permitted.

I hereby demand that this Inquiry advocates to place a permanent ban on all onshore unconventional gas drilling in Victoria