

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I am strongly opposed to "unconventional gas" or fracking or coal seam gas mining.

Instead we should be increasing our efforts towards renewable clean energy sources. "Unconventional gas" is another finite fossil fuel and, having created an enormous mess of the planet, the time for finite fossil fuels is over.

There is simply no need to put the health of our environment, agriculture, citizens, our water supply or our bushland under more stresses than already exist. Evidence from existing fracking areas around the world is clear in showing that such risks are real and significant. Very often "environmental studies" preceding such mining is inadequate and/or rubber stamped. In other words, not to be trusted as thorough, comprehensive or objective.

Please keep Victoria frack-free.

Yours sincerely
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