

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

- We don't need an unconventional gas industry in Victoria to supply energy. Unconventional gas is not a renewable source of energy - it is polluting, contributes to climate change, and is not required as a fuel to transition between fossil fuels and renewables. We can make a planned transition to 100% renewables in Victoria without the need for gas as a 'bridging' fuel, but we need to start investing in real renewables like solar and wind power now.
- We don't need an unconventional gas industry in Victoria to provide employment. Supporting and growing our renewables industry will provide more jobs that are future-proofed and lead to greater long-term employment growth in Victoria. Growth in our renewables industry provides a valuable opportunity for re-skilling and redeploying workers who need help to transition from traditional energy production roles – there are now more people employed installing solar panels in Victoria than in coal generation.
- Other jurisdictions like New York City and Ohio have already instituted permanent bans on coal seam gas, and Victoria should follow suit, as this is what the community wants.
- Coal seam gas carries massive and proven risks for the environment and health. It threatens our environment, land productivity, agricultural industries, our water supply, our communities and public health, and the risks are far too great to be mitigated or outweighed by any benefits.
- Victorian communities don't want unconventional gas. 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.

I have been on a tour of Seaspray and witnessed for myself the process of coal seam gas, the abandoned wells. It was shocking and disturbing.

Its time our Government started listening to us. I am looking at buying a property in Gippsland, but for now I am not doing this because the future of Gippsland is so uncertain. Between coal mines and coal seam gas I am terrified that I will buy my dream property and some gas or coal corporation and my own government will give me no choice and I will have operations either on my property or next door and RUN MINE AND MY FAMILIES LIFE.

We must not let our country be destroyed by mining and gas/oil, YOU CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN. PUT PEOPLE OVER PROFIT.....PLEASE.

DONT SELL US OUT ANYMORE.

PLEASE START TO STOP AND REVERSE THE DAMAGE THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE.

I SHOULDN'T EVEN HAVE TO BE DOING THIS SUBMISSION

WE HAD ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES ON EARTH, AND IT NOW HAS MANY BLEMISHES, MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MADE SICK AND DIED BECAUSE OF MINING/GAS/OIL.

NASA have admitted that coal seam gas drilling and fracking DOES CAUSE EARTHQUAKE, when you look at the instability of the planet at the moment, we should be doing nothing to encourage EARTHQUAKE.

I met a lot of people in Seaspray, not happy people, depressed, worried about their future, they own their properties and they should not feel like this, ITS SO UNFAIR.

I urge all of you, watch FRACKMAN THE MOVIE, please watch it and I hope you cry like i did,

PROTECT OUR COUNTRY AS YOU ARE EMPLOYED BY US TO DO.....THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM AND IT MUST STOP.

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THE PEOPLE WHO EMPLOY YOU TO PROTECT US AND LOOK AFTER OUR BEST INTEREST,
PUT US BEFORE PROFIT.

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