

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria.

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I cannot understand why the Victorian Government is so hell bent on becoming redundant by destroying industry and all associated jobs as well as driving away investment.

I have been watching in awe as the United States has moved from a mass importer of energy to a net exporter. Along the way they have already met their greenhouse gas emission commitments years ahead of time.

The productivity of the American economy is now driven by onshore gas.

I have researched the extraction of this gas and can find no proven adverse health or environmental effects.

Victoria's only realistic alternative option is to continue burning brown coal. This is an activity with proven adverse health and environmental impacts. Our onshore gas is deep within the earth's surface. It is not coal bed methane but shale gas. This gas can be harvested without any risk to water tables or to the productivity of farmland. Queensland has gone ahead with many wells and there has been no adverse effects.

The price of energy keeps increasing and Bass Strait gas will soon be heading overseas (what there is left of it).

I urge the Government to allow conventional and unconventional drilling for gas in Victoria to proceed.