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**PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO ONSHORE UNCONVENTIONAL GAS IN VICTORIA**

Environment and Planning Committee,

I would like to officially register my objection to any form of fracking in the Freshwater Creek, Mount Duneed, Moriac and surrounding areas. I live on a small farm with my family which has entailed a lot of blood sweat and tears to maintain and we will not be receptive to any form of fracking in the area.

As an engineer, I am aware of the benefits that fracking could bring to the larger community however, I am also aware of the drawbacks of such activity which has been well documented and I am sure you have read.

There are many other ways to produce energy that don't have a negative impact on the land and it is time that we started to get ahead of the curve and introduce new renewable energy sources instead of living in the dark ages and continue to extract resources from the ground.

I know that the majority of residents, if not all, are against fracking in the area and will do everything in their power to ensure it is not introduced. The region is well known for being a tourist attraction, however, fracking will destroy the tourism industry if allowed to get a foothold in Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

Jackson Docherty