

To the Environment and Planning Committee

My family appreciated the opportunity attend the information session last year in Camperdown.

It is my opinion that we don't need an unconventional gas industry in Victoria. With a small investment in solar panels, we more than amply generate our own energy for our household. As a renewable source of energy - it is not polluting and does not contribute to climate change. In addition, we still check usage and generation almost everyday, keeping in touch with our balance. Surely the whole State could work the same way - especially now that battery technology has come along in leaps and bounds.

Our community overall does not want this type of industry in our area. We are already witnessing the industrialisation of the coastline through conventional gas extraction, and while it provides some ongoing employment, claims of generating a high level of permanent jobs is vastly over-stated.

Ground water in our area is essential for the dairy industry, and while I do not support the wholesale overuse of this resource either, I certainly do not want to risk coal seam gas extraction which 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.

One of our local communities, Brucknell has already declared themselves gasfield-free.

Please help us protect my backyard - VICTORIA. We lead the way in environmental protection - let's keep it that way.

Kind regards, Denise Murray

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