

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

We need to stop thinking in such short term ways. CSG MAY provide bridging energy for 10 years or so, but in the process, create so much risk for the long term health of our land, water and people.

The CSG industry is like the asbestos industry 50 years ago - already there is a huge degree of secrecy around the chemicals being injected into ground, and the legal claims for damages. Please shut it down now - or at the least, force it to be transparent in both science and legal matters to our community.

Many countries are already demonstrating that we have the methods available now to bypass more fossil fuel development and move to renewables (eg Scotland will be 100% renewable in 3 years).

Private industry energy companies know that we must go renewable, and they are therefore developing their own renewable portfolios - they are only developing fossil fuels where they think they can make a spectacular profit.

Our competitiveness as a country is to be educated and clean - not "dumbing down" and "digging up".

Therefore, as our government, we are looking to you to show the leadership for our long term future - not just responding to the bleating corporate lobby groups.

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