

RE: Fracking in Victoria.

Coal seam gas is a damaging, dangerous, inefficient energy source. It's a stop gap measure that will only entrench the extraordinary sluggishness of our progress towards clean energy.

Victoria has a fantastic opportunity to be a national leader on this issue. Medium- and long-term plans to research, develop and supply cleaner energy solutions will give us a head start over NSW and QLD, who are going to lean on coal seam gas instead of progressing towards longer-term solutions. Victoria has a reputation for world-leading public policy, particularly in public safety. Eschewing coal seam gas in favour of safer, more efficient, more forward-thinking power generation is the natural next step for maintaining Victoria's legacy as a thought leader.

Victorian communities are already banding together to ban coal seam gas in their towns. Please - save them the trouble, and put Victoria back in front of the global pack on public policy.

Thank you for your time and your efforts running this enquiry.

Sincerely,

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