

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

I have read nothing about Coal Seam Gas mining that convinces me it is a good thing for Victoria. I have, however, read many reports that strongly suggest the opposite - that Coal Seam Gas mining is extremely hazardous to the health of underground water reserves as well as above ground water such as dams in the vicinity of CSG mining activity and by implication CSG must be dangerous for agriculture and public health as a result. CSG is not necessary as Victoria will transition to renewables rendering this new type of fossil fuel production unnecessary.

Many civic authorities in Canada and the US are either banning CSG or are being pressured by local populations to do so as evidence mounts against it and awareness of the risks of CSG increases. Please, for today and generations of the future, do not allow corporations to rape and pillage our natural heritage and farming land for dubious profits to which the average Victorian will have little or no access.

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