

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

Fracking is an idea that should have been strangled at birth. It has the potential to ruin productive farmland and, even worse, contaminate the water table permanently. Unconventional gas is not a renewable source of energy - it is polluting, contributes to climate change, and is not required as a fuel to transition between fossil fuels and renewables. We can make a planned transition to 100% renewables in Victoria without the need for gas as a 'bridging' fuel, but we need to start investing in real renewables like solar and wind power now.

Fracking, whatever its positives, is simply too great a risk. It must be banned once and for all.

Thank you for listening.

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