

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

After more than seven years of study, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation produced a 1,448-page report (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/energy/75370.html>) leading to a ban in June 2015 on fracking, known formally as high-volume hydraulic fracturing. (http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/findingstatehvhf62015.pdf)

It concluded "High-volume hydraulic fracturing poses significant adverse impacts to land, air, water, natural resources and potential significant public health impacts that cannot be adequately mitigated".

Fracking should be banned forever. There is too greater risk to Victoria's precious and limited food producing land, our health and our water.

Unconventional gas is a fossil fuel we do not need. There is plenty of gas available from offshore Bass Strait to keep Victoria supplied while we phase-out gas and phase-in 100% renewables as soon as possible. We know we must do this to prevent the pollution of our atmosphere and oceans which will lead to the demise of us and the other species of the planet.

We have no right to threaten the existence of future generations for the relatively short-term profits of a few for a product we can live without.

Thank you

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