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To the Environment and Planning Committee,

Look after our planets future, do not think fracking will solve anything because it will not. As a citizen from the Surfcoast who is not a member of any particular political party, I urge you to consider the following:

We do not want fracking in Victoria. It may be years before we realise the damage down to the earths crust, don't risk it. Coal seam gas carries massive and proven risks for the environment and health.

There are other ways to produce energy now, solar and wind are just a few of the new renewables now available for the whole community.

Fossil fuels have met their used by date NOW!

Employing people in new energy industries is a no brainer. Certainly re skilling staff who have previously worked in fossil fuel industries is a logical option. There are now more people employed installing solar panels in Victoria than in coal generation.

Other jurisdictions like New York City and Ohio have already instituted permanent bans on coal seam gas, and Victoria should follow suit..

Victorian communities don't want unconventional gas. At least 30 communities have already declared themselves gasfield-free, and the number continues to grow. The Government needs to respect the wishes of Victorian communities.

Listen to your heart not to the science skeptics and the coal industry who are only interested in short term profits. You know WE DO NOT NEED FRACKING at all.

It is your choice, please don't stuff it up!

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