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To the Environment and Planning Committee,

As a child growing up on a farm, I developed a respect and appreciation for our agricultural and natural environment. The effects of unconventional gas exploration and extraction have demonstrated negative effects on people - their health and employment, agricultural and rural businesses and future of the area.

- Coal seam gas carries massive and proven risks for the environment and health. It threatens our environment, land productivity, agricultural industries, our water supply, our communities and public health, and the risks are far too great to be mitigated or outweighed by any benefits.
- Victorian communities don't want unconventional gas. At least 60 communities have already declared themselves gasfield-free, and the number continues to grow. The Government needs to respect the wishes of Victorian communities

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