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To the Environment and Planning Committee,

- We don't need an unconventional gas industry in Victoria to provide employment. Supporting and growing our renewables industry will provide more jobs that are future-proofed and lead to greater long-term employment growth in Victoria. Growth in our renewables industry provides a valuable opportunity for re-skilling and redeploying workers who need help to transition from traditional energy production roles – there are now more people employed installing solar panels in Victoria than in coal generation.

. The csg gas does not need to be used as a transition fuel - we can move (and are moving) to renewables right now - and these technologies (solar, wind and wave) do not leave pollution in their wake - and they are becoming competitive with coal & gas - without the adverse side-effects - on peoples' health or the environment.

- 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.

. Coal seam gas is a highly polluting technology - producing large volumes of chemical and salt ridden 'water' that is extremely hard to dispose of legally (and there is the high risk that it would be illegally released). It has the potential of destroying water tables that towns and farmers rely on - directly or as insurance, especially in times of drought - and it has been shown to contaminate tap water in many places in the USA, where drilling has been done.

It represents a risk that we simply do not have to take.

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