

To: Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria

My family and I reside in Anglesea Victoria, with proximity to suggested CSG drilling areas and we are extremely worried that a current moritorium on unconventional gas exploration may be lifted.

A permanent ban on all Unconventional Gas needs to be undertaken.

Vital jobs especially in agriculture and tourism, social cohesion, health and environment are all at stake if Unconventional Gas (Shale, tight etc.) is not banned permanently.

We just don't know how to manage the risks associated with this unknown technology. Water is precious and the risks to the farming land, water and our food security are unquantifiable.

There is no gas shortage in Victoria or anywhere else in Australia, according to the Australian Energy Market Operator. Risking health and farmland to extract a product we don't needs seems illogical and reckless.

Our emissions need to be reduced. Gas is not the answer to our energy needs. Not only is it not required, there is evidence of harmful leaking from the process. It's not clean, and the jury is out as to whether it's just 'less dirty' than coal.

Infrastructure to develop a decentralised energy focus for Victoria, when needed, such as building our wind and solar industry will be a much less intrusive source of energy. It will benefit jobs, environment, health and investment.

Victoria could be a proud leader on climate change.

Energy efficiency will save us money. It's a non argument that CSG will save us money.

The true cost of CSG, like that of coal, has not been factored in.

Our health, environment and social cohesion have not been factored in to this expensive experiment.

Please ban this risky and unnecessary form of technology.

Yours Faithfully

(Signed)  
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