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To those conducting the Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria,

I passionately urge you to recognize the threat, and advise against the spread, of the fracking industry into the Victorian landscape.

Time after time both internationally and within Australia's borders it has been shown that this highly dangerous industry not only suffers from periodic failures in their systems and procedures. But that the companies responsible are very slow to come forward. Often not notify residents of the effected area until prompted by local inquiry stemming from adverse side effects being noticed in the local area.

This is not the way forward for energy production in a state working towards sustainability.

Which we need to be.

Fracking would not only undermine Victoria's ability to have a sustainable approach to the protection of our precious natural environment. It would also endanger the productivity of valuable farmland, and therefore the future prosperity of the Victorian farming industry. And looking further to our future industries. By allowing a focus on gas extracted through fracking would most definitely discourage the uptake and further development of more sustainable energy generation options.

Please do not let this industry into Victoria. Lets take a long term approach to our state's future and learn from the tragic lessons of others.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my contribution.

Yours sincerely,

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