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The Environment & Planning References Committee  
Parliament House  
Spring Street  
East Melbourne 3002

Dear Committee Members

I am writing to convey to you my concerns about the safety of CSG mining. As a farmer in the South Western District of Victoria, I am gravely concerned that our beautiful, productive farm land may not be protected from the ravages of CSG mining. There is overwhelming evidence that CSG mining has the ability to contaminate our aquifers. Nothing is more important to life than a clean water supply.

We are all aware of the mammoth efforts applied to salinity issues and to the protection of our groundwater and other environmental protection issues in recent decades. However, it seems the practices used in CSG mining are in stark contradiction to the environmental protection values we have worked so hard to achieve. Are we walking away from preserving and protecting our environment now?

For the sake of ourselves, our children, our water supply, our food production, our livelihoods, our future and everything else we value, this practice must be seriously questioned.

It is a nonsense to talk about the contribution of CSG mining to the economy, because without clean water to drink or suitable land to farm, we have nothing.

It is vital that you all honestly and seriously consider the mountains of evidence available on this issue, and to truly take our future into account.

Yours sincerely



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