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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to this Inquiry.

I've been aware of the potential for the Coast Seam Gas Industry to begin works in Gippsland for a while now. I grew up in Gippsland, studied Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science before completing a Masters of Science, and have been working back in the Region for the past 2 years. I've also seen the increase in the yellow "Lock the Gate" signs to prevent access by the industry onto private property across Gippsland.

A few months ago, I attended a community education screening of "Frackman" at the Bairnsdale cinema. "Frackman" is a documentary about the experiences of landholders in central Queensland with the coal seam gas industry, and highlights (particularly) the social, economic and environmental risks and impacts associated with CSG mining.

I would feel incredibly uncomfortable with the idea of the Victorian Government allowing such an industry into the state, particularly in the face of such widespread community opposition. Onshore unconventional gas mining has no place where people live, nor is it appropriate on or near precious natural resources such as the internationally significant Gippsland Lakes RAMSAR wetlands site.

Additionally, with a decreasing demand for unsustainable resources such as gas in Victoria, and with people calling for greater investments in renewable energy sources, it seems absolutely backwards, illogical and against public interest and benefit to continue with plans to allow this kind of mining to occur.

I hope the Victorian Government will stand up to protect the Victorian people and the existing industries, including agriculture and tourism, upon which we rely. We can be a leader in this situation, and really learn from the mistakes of other states before it's impossible to push back.

Thank you for your time, and for reading this submission. I really appreciate it.

Kind Regards,  
Ruth Glass