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Dear Sir/Madam

Ten years ago we moved from Melbourne to the Boolarra Mirboo North area, invested financially and physically in establishing a farming business, building an energy efficient residence and in the process of establishing a farm stay, offering families the opportunity to enjoy the countryside, walking, riding in the local bushland, experience harvesting herbs and seasonal vegetables, collecting eggs from the hen house.

We are extremely uncomfortable as to what the future holds for us as beef farmers in the Strezlecki Rangers with the threat of CSG and coal exploration over the property.

We live close enough to the LaTrobe Valley to see first hand the detrimental environmental impact of open cut coal mining on an area, to have the possibility of further coal mining in the Mirboo North area and the possibility of CSG mining is a huge threat to local agriculture and tourism industry of which the families of the area rely upon.

We are aware of the horrific impacts fracking and CSG mining has had in NSW, Qld and USA. You cannot possibly tell Victorians/Australians that this process is environmentally & morally safe.

It can have many unknown consequences, is potentially devastating to our precious underground water tables & is the possibly the biggest environmental threat to our agriculture & farming sector, which is critically important to our future to feed all Australians & the population in general.

It is environmental sabotage & vandalism to proceed with poisoning our precious land with toxic chemicals, & damaging our landscape, especially near good farming land, & has the potential to destroy major & minor farming & families for many decades to come, & all for what? ... a quick bit of profit for Australia &

invested multinationals!

American & Canadian farmers & their families have paid the price, & many parts of Queensland & NSW have also been damaged beyond repair without being able to have a balanced say in the devastation. Australia cannot afford to gamble & make mistakes in this way.

We need to transition rapidly to renewables with zero emissions. Tourism & Australian farming & lifestyles are far more important than a quick & very risky buck. Self or imposed Govt regulation has no possible way of guaranteeing safe working standards, practices, or outcomes in this uncertain & risky enterprise known as fracking of CSG.

Please consider the impact of coal and CSG mining on the environment for future generations of this country.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Senko & Graham Talmage

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