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To the Environment and Planning Committee,

Fracking is dangerous, destructive and unnecessary!

Please don't sell out the safety of our current and future generations of Victorians to fracking. Please keep Victoria beautiful and renewable and keep Victorians safe from the many reported health dangers that have been proven to be directly attributable to fracking.

I'm sure you are considering the benefits of fracking, but the dangers far outweigh the benefits!! I am sure the Japanese government members thought they had a fail safe, state of the art approach to energy when they built their uranium processing facility, but history has shown that the decisions made by those government members have since created immeasurably disastrous damage to the Japanese people, to its flora and fauna and to the entire planet.

Playing around with non-renewable gas supplies and subterranean earth is only asking for trouble in the long term. You must have seen the many credible documentaries on the dangers of fracking... what happens to people who live near fracking sites and how fracking can destabilise the ground - even to the point of being a direct link to earthquakes (see the recent incident in Blackpool, England) and contaminate our water. Why would any Victorian government member ever want to be a part of creating a legacy of increased pollution, increased health risks and land destabilisation in our beautiful State?

So many other industries could potentially be negatively impacted by fracking, including tourism, farming, real estate, food distribution and exportation and many more. We don't need an unconventional gas industry

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in Victoria. Please focus your attention on renewable energy like so many other governments have done successfully around the world. Other jurisdictions like New York City and Ohio have already instituted permanent bans on coal seam gas, and Victoria should follow suit, as this is what the community wants.

You are there to represent the members of your community; to protect the safety and security of our lives and those of our next generations - please protect our land and our people from the 'short-termism' of big business, who don't care about lives, they just care about profits. Please don't sell us out!

Supporting and growing our renewables industry will provide more jobs that are future-proofed and lead to greater long-term employment growth in Victoria. Growth in our renewables industry provides a valuable opportunity for re-skilling and redeploying workers who need help to transition from traditional energy production roles – there are now more people employed installing solar panels in Victoria than in coal generation.

We don't want unconventional gas. At least 30 communities have already declared themselves gasfield-free, and the number continues to grow. The Government needs to respect the wishes of Victorian communities.

Please don't be a government that will be remembered for all time for selling off the safety and security of this beautiful State of ours. Please set an example across the world for safety and sustainability and vote against fracking.

Thank you.

Avril Baxter

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