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To Whom It May Concern:

We are of the opinion that Victoria needs a permanent ban on all unconventional gas extractions. It is obvious that the risks to farming land and our water resources cannot be safely managed. We saw from the Hazelwood mine fire that regulatory systems can fail, and that failure can lead to environmental and public health disasters. It is not worth the risk.

According to the Australian Energy Market Operator, there is no gas shortage in Victoria or anywhere else in Australia, so there is no need to risk the health of crucial farmland just to extract gas that we don't need. Besides, Victoria needs to transition rapidly to zero net emissions. Gas is a fossil fuel and the argument that it is less dirty doesn't make it clean either. Gas therefore has no place in Victoria's future energy mix. If Victoria is to be considered a leader on climate change, the government cannot allow a new gas industry to be established.

Kind regards,

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