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My submission is as follows:

Victoria is a state that is beginning to "dry out" in light of this all existing aquifers, rivers, streams, dams etc must be sustained at optimum levels. We are already experiencing dramatic dryness in parts of the state due to reduced rainfall. Much of the environment has not recovered from the previous drought conditions endured in the last decade.

Any activity that is a threat to our water supply must be prevented. This is a most serious issue and one which I request that Victorian Parliament give the utmost detailed consideration.

Coal Seam Gas exploration and the practice of fracking is responsible for damage to water systems and as such must not go ahead.

NSW and Queensland agricultural communities have fought a long battle against gas mining and in some areas have been successful due to the passion and determination of local activists who are opposed to energy companies ruining the environment, their communities and the water table.

The information below was prepared by Environment Victoria and is content that I fully support and request is given full consideration by the Victorian Parliament:

Victoria needs a permanent ban on all unconventional gas.

Protecting Victoria from fracking and other unconventional gas will protect existing jobs, especially in agriculture and tourism.

There's no way that the risks to farming land and our water resources can 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.

Victoria needs to transition rapidly to zero net emissions. There is growing evidence of fugitive emissions (ie. leaking) from unconventional gas processes, showing that gas is not as clean as once thought, and there is no time for fossil fuels that are just less dirty. 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.

No amount of Victorian gas production will reduce the prices that consumers have to pay. Gas prices have increased because LNG exports from the east coast have linked us to international markets where prices are higher. A Victorian gas industry will not save consumers money. The best solution for consumers to reduce gas bills is through energy efficiency initiatives.

I am the owner of a property in regional Victoria, currently this region is suffering dry conditions and the resulting harm to vegetation. No further detrimental effects are to be tolerated by this fragile environment. Unconventional Gas exploration or resultant mining in this area must not be developed. The environment and the communities of Victoria will be severely affected by such activity.

I respectfully submit the above and hope that extreme care is taken in decision making regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely  
Jane Trengove

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