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Victoria needs a permanent ban on all unconventional gas, for the following reasons:

1. Environmental, short and long term.
2. Unnecessary for our economy - tourism & trade.
3. We have no current shortage of gas.
4. We need a sustainable, low emissions future.

1. The negative environmental affects will be disastrous, as they have been right across the US. Water tables have been polluted to the point were ecosystems are disrupted and some land becomes uninhabitable for humans.

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.

2. Protecting Victoria from fracking and other unconventional gas will protect existing jobs, especially in agriculture and tourism.
3. 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.
4. 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.

We are way behind other developing nations who have committed to strong limits on their emissions. We need to follow suit.

Regards,
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