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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Peter Martin and I farm at Drumborg producing both beef and sheep.

I am writing this letter to voice my concern at Fracking or unconventional gas extraction. My concern is that all the governments (both Federal and state) are so short sighted and that they both have the intention of going ahead with Fracking at any cost.

I believe that not only is this wrong and won't gain very much but will reduce agricultural income for years to come after all the gas is gone.

My other concern is that the Fracking companies do not have a good reputation in repairing any mistakes and problems that they may leave behind. If the government decides to allow Fracking they should put in place independent monitors to ensure that any damage done is fully compensated.

It will be impossible for any farmers to obtain insurance against any damage.

It should be noted here that many of these companies have the means to shift liability and then people are unable to receive any compensation. One only has to look at the example of BHP who have left problems in other countries and then refused to take any steps at reparation.

The big question here is will the government and I include both Federal and State be able to give any reassurances as to the answers of the Fracking problem or will they just leave their voters as usual without any sensible answers and a lot of "political speak".

It seems to me that the government is unable to fix a lot of problems that impact on their voters, when we look back in time we note the cane toad, rabbits and foxes to name a few.

Yours faithfully



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