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My partner and I retired to SW Victoria in 2010, seeking peace and quiet.  
If onshore gas mining is given the go-ahead, we will probably find ourselves marooned here when house prices and land values plunge.  
No-one wants to live in a gasfield.  
Would you?

ALL water needs in this area are provided either by rainwater catchment (for drinking) or bores for all other uses. There are no reservoirs.  
This is a very fertile part of a continent not noted for its good soils. It provides a very considerable part of Victoria's farming output.  
Given that fracking uses vast amounts of water and the almost certain contamination of groundwater, could any responsible government contemplate the possibility of effectively killing small regional towns?  
I think that it is unbelievable that ANY government could consider doing anything which might contaminate our water.  
We do not believe the claims made by the likes of Lakes Oil, etc. that prices will be driven down.  
The out-put of Queensland gasfields goes straight overseas.  
To be rapidly followed by more Australian jobs, no doubt.  
We will be left with a poisoned country when the multinationals have 'got rich quick' and moved on.  
It is clear that the Victorian government is determined to approve onshore gas mining, given the stitch-up over the terms of reference of the current Inquiry.  
<http://www.weeklytimesnow.com.au/news/politics/greens-say-nationals-have-sold-out-on-farmers-interests/story-fnkerdda-1227379399816>

Our much un-esteemed Federal Government cheerfully flies in the face of world opinion and continues to

champion fossil fuels. The disgraceful approval of the Liverpool Plains Watermark coal mine this week shows its contempt for its own citizens welfare.

The equally un-esteemed Prime Minister has made a lot of noise lately about 'allegiance'. It's curious that whilst this Government demands allegiance from us, the citizenry, WE don't seem to be owed anything similar by the Government.

A so-called Free Trade Agreement with China takes precedence over us.

PLEASE stand up for Australians and protect our way of life and livelihoods.

Say NO to onshore gas mining.

Say NO to fracketeering.

Yours etc.,  
P.D.Couch

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