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To the Environment and Planning Committee,

\*Coal seam gas should not be a consideration for our future energy needs. It is a short sighted and dangerous path to consider. Why would any thinking government put time and money into further research into what is not a viable alternative. Why would this time and money be put into renewable resources like solar, wind, tidal - on a large scale. Investment in renewable resources will lead to more growth in employment. The jobs created will be required far into the future. Employment growth in solar installations is proof of this.statistics.

\*I note that in the US, cities such as New York have banned any development of coal seam gas. Surely this is indicative of how one of the world's major super cities/states rates the negative effects of CSG.

\*Environmentally, CSG has the potential to be very destructive. Coming from a rural area, I and others, have deep concerns about the effects on underground water supplies, land degradation and productivity, and even public health.

\*I also have concerns about the credibility of the drivers of the research that has been completed to date. It is important for the government to listen to the people, the communities which will be potentially affected by any development.

\*Victoria's energy and environmental future is in your hands. Please choose a renewable energy pathway to make Victoria "the world's most liveable State". Reject CSG development!

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