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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Submission to the Environment & Planning Committee Inquiry into Unconventional Gas in Victoria

To the Environment and Planning Committee,

Please keep Victoria free of coal seam and unconventional gas. There are many other jurisdictions that have banned these fuels including New York and Ohio and there is convincing evidence from a number of areas around Victoria that this is what Victorians want. At least 30 Victorian communities have already declared themselves free of gas fields, and the number is growing.

It is now becoming clear that we must move away from fossil fuels and towards 100% renewables as quickly as possible. Its essential to stimulate investment in renewables now. We have the natural resources and the renewables industries can provide many jobs for those moving from the coal and other industries when the coal fired power stations are closed, which is inevitable.

There are enormous risks of coal seam gas and other unconventional gas damaging the environment, land productivity and our water supplies as well as public health.

Please respect the wishes of Victorian communities and recommend a ban on unconventional gas in Victoria.

Regards,

**Sally Warmington**

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