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To Natural Resources Committee,

Re; Inquiry into Unconventional Gas and Fracking in SE of SA

We understand that the Limestone Coast Protection Alliance Inc is writing a submission for this inquiry and that they do not support unconventional gas and fracking in the SE of SA for the following reasons;

- potential for water contamination caused by spills, leaks, chemicals and accidents
- potential for well integrity failure due to finite lifespan of cement and steel
- potential for air pollution detrimental to health of natural environment, humans and animals
- potential for industrialisation of landscape and loss of "clean and green" image
- unsustainable competition with existing industries such as agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and tourism which will have a detrimental impact on local economy
- unsustainable competition for finite water resources
- potential for release of greenhouse gases as fugitive emissions which increases climate change
- unconventional gas and fracking is as yet unproven technology and many questions remain to be answered on its impacts on our water, air, biodiversity and human health

We endorse the use of the precautionary principle and recognise that currently many studies are underway worldwide into the impacts of unconventional gas drilling and fracking and that safety of the industry remains to be demonstrated.

We endorse the submission by the Limestone Coast Protection Alliance in principle.

Yours sincerely,

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