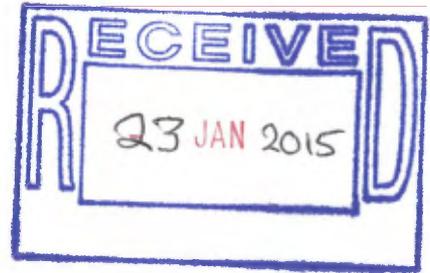


Submission 42



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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 fragmentation of native forest reserves and pine forests
- reduction in enjoyment of natural environment for walking, cycling, canoeing and caving
- air, noise and light pollution and potential for odour impacting on health, enjoyment and safety of use of natural environment for bushwalking and cycling
- increased truck traffic on local roads increasing risk for local cyclists and walkers
- off putting to be bushwalking and cycling in an industrial gas field with potential harmful fumes and chemicals released into the air and increased truck traffic
- competition for finite water resources
- potential for release of greenhouse gases as fugitive emissions which increases climate change and is detrimental to native flora and fauna
- 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
- the Royal Society for Bird Protection has stated that they view unconventional gas as putting a significant risk to wildlife with the risk of loss, fragmentation and disturbance of wildlife habitats.

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 value our natural environment, our flora and fauna and in particular our native forest reserves, the Naracoorte caves world heritage area, our sinkholes, the Glenelg River, radiata and blue gum forests and pristine coastline. We dont wish to see unconventional gas fields being developed in the Limestone Coast as we see that these natural places that we love will be put at risk.

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

Yours sincerely,