

19 September 2013

Ms Margaret Liveris Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs GPO Box A11 Perth WA 6837

Dear Ms Liveris

ENQUIRY INTO THE IMPLICATIONS FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR UNCONVENTIONAL GAS

I would like to protest in the strongest terms against any gas fracking in this State - or indeed anywhere else in this country.

I have read arguments for and against, and watched programmes on TV about the subject.

I believe that it has been proved in some areas of the Eastern States to have damaged underground water and hence the land above it. This is tragic in any area, but more so in farming areas.

Any activity which has even the **potential** to damage our land, now or in the future, should not be allowed to occur. The fact that some of the land affected is in private ownership is utterly disgraceful. The owners have no say at all in activities which can adversely affect their land. When those landowners rely on their land for income, by farming crops or animals, it is even worse.

Every endeavour must be taken by our politicians and community leaders to protect in all ways the integrity of our land for future generations.

Yours faithfully

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