

Environment and Public Affairs Committee

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Att: Ms Margaret Liveris, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, Legislative Council, Parliament House

Dear Ms Liveris

I wish to make a submission to the senate inquiry into unconventional gas tracking in WA.

I am very concerned about the development of this industry, particularly because of the grave risk to our groundwater supplies, which in this drying climate are more important than ever to the ecological, economic and social sustainability of Western Australia. I do not believe the industry can be trusted to provide accurate data regarding the ecological safety of this practice, and as we increasingly see the impact of climate change, it is irresponsible to be opening up new industries that will contribute large amounts of greenhouse gas pollution. I believe that industry, as seems usual in this state, is pressuring the government to approve fracking in WA despite the negative impacts it will have on the community. I sincerely hope the views of non-industry organisations, backed by science, will be considered as a significant part of the decision-making process regarding whether or not this industry is permitted to go ahead in WA. One only has to look at the disaster gas fracking has become in NSW. It would be a terribly stupid and tragic mistake to allow the same to occur here.

Sincerely,

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