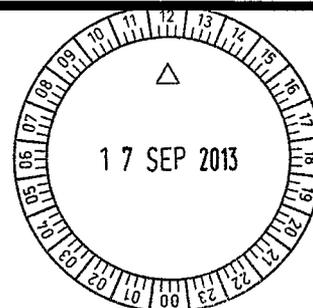


Environment and Public Affairs Committee

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To: Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Subject: Fracking submission



To Whom it may concern

I would like to make a submission about Fracking in the Mid-West and the Kimberley region. I do not agree with fracking in West Australia because there are too many un-knowns with regard to pollution from migration of fluids and gas into the water table.

I am concerned about the chemicals used and the storage of used fracking fluid contaminating the environment from release from overflowing dams or burst dams.

I do not believe that Australians should have to allow Oil and Gas companies on their land and have no rights to stop them even if they believe their land will be degraded.

Why is it that the oil and gas companies, and mining companies for that matter do not pay for the water they use. I believe that gas companies use thousands of litres of water every time they frack a hole and do not pay a cent for it. Water is becoming a very important commodity in Australia and we are allowing gas companies to use thousands of litres mixed with poisonous chemicals so they can make money by selling the gas overseas.

It concerns me that our environment could be compromised when there is enough gas in the north west shelf to power Australia for 300 years. I believe this is a reflection of Australian politicians weak stance with regard to multi-national companies.

Chevron sell 80% of there gas overseas and will not allow Australia to have a higher percentage. This country should not be held to ransom by Oil and Gas companies. We should develop have developed the LNG plants ourselves and kept the costs down so our manufacturing industries could compete with overseas imports.

You may see this as off subject but my belief is we have enough gas in the North West and do not need to destroy the environment in West Australia so multi-national companies can make money. APPEA have admitted that the gas will be sold overseas so there will be no benefit to Australia apart from royalties.

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