

Environment and Public Affairs Committee

From: Kent Heard
Sent: Thursday, 19 September 2013 3:37 PM
To: Environment and Public Affairs Committee
Subject: Dangers of Fracking!!

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very concerned about fracking in Western Australia.

In particular i am concerned with contaminating groundwater either by the chemicals employed in the fracking process or by the contaminants released from shale or tight stone as a result of the process. Western Australias water resources are scarce and we are heavily reliant on groundwater for drinking and agriculture. Fracking poses a serious threat through groundwater contamination and depletion of aquifers because of the highly water intensive nature of the process.

Another concern i have is the spread of dieback to certain areas because of fracking activity. This needs to be addressed seriously.

Finally what sort of safegaurds are in place to prevent contamination after the well is abandoned? Pollution may occur well past the two year monitoring period after abandonment creating a serious public health problem.

Yours Sincerely,

Kent Heard