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Hi,

I would like to express my concern with Fracking.

With regards to the recent issues around the world, I believe that we shouldn't risk our land and drinking supply. Water is such a precious commodity here in WA so why risk it?

I work in the oil and gas as a plant inspector. Over my (ten plus) years in the industry, I've witness multiple environmental beaches by operators (some which have gone un-reported) in the offshore sector. This still occurs even though these operators come under strict scrutiny by regulators such as NOPSEMA.

The main issue with any extraction method (especially Fracking) is not the process itself; it's people. As soon as you add profit into the mix (complied by budget, deadlines and external human pressures etc.) people cut corners and mistakes are made.

Please look at the science and avoid the "make quick buck" solution. I'm sure that politician are finally taking note that the people of Australia (and the world) want cleaner energy solutions. Just look at what happened in Queensland with the Andani Carmichael mine / election. Eventually Western Australians will follow suit and protest against this potentially dangerous energy extraction. The masses will follow and raise their voices!!

It's not just our future that's at stake, but our legacy (our children) and all the ecosystems that go with it. It's time that human beings become stewards of this planet and try to mitigate against the large mass extinction that's currently happening within our blue planet.

Hopefully WA will follow suit and ban this practice within our amazing State!

Kind Regards,

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