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My name is Bronwyn Scallan and I would like to express my concerns about fracking (ie the impacts of unconventional gas development).

I am in agreement with the research findings provided in the 13th March edition of the **Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking**. This is compiled by the Concerned Health Professionals of New York, and is a fully-referenced compilation of the evidence for the risks and harms of fracking that brings together findings from the scientific and medical literature, government and industry reports, and journalistic investigation.

In particular, based on my knowledge and independent research, I agree with the following research/trends:

- Growing evidence shows that regulations are simply not capable of preventing harm.
- Fracking threatens drinking water.
- Drilling and fracking emissions contribute to toxic air pollution and smog (ground-level ozone) at levels known to have health impacts.
- Public health problems associated with drilling and fracking, including reproductive impacts and occupational health and safety problems, are increasingly well documented.
- Natural gas is a threat to the climate.
- Earthquakes are a consequence of drilling and fracking-related activities in many locations.
- Fracking infrastructure poses serious potential exposure risks to those living near it.
- Drilling and fracking activities can bring naturally occurring radioactive materials to the surface.
- The economic instabilities of fracking further exacerbate public health risks.
- Fracking raises issues of environmental justice.
- Health care professionals are increasingly calling for bans or moratoria until the full range of potential health hazards from fracking are understood.

I am requesting that a total ban on all forms of unconventional gas development (fracking) is implemented in WA, forever.

It's the best economic, environmental and social outcome for all of society, today and in the future.

Do the right thing for the people you represent and the land you are employed to care for.

Warm regards,

Bronwyn Scallan.