



South Gippsland Applauds Coal Seam Gas Ban

South Gippsland Shire Council congratulates the Victorian Government for its announcement of a permanent ban on the exploration and development of all onshore unconventional gas in Victoria.

This decision removes any anxiety felt by local farmers in regards to the environmental and health risks associated with fracking – removing one less pressure currently felt by the industry.

It will also be welcomed by the broader South Gippsland community. Many people across South Gippsland have been worried about the impact of unconventional gas extraction on the environment and landscapes of the region.

South Gippsland Shire Council has provided long-standing support for the Victorian Government to ban unconventional gas.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Bob Newton welcomed the ban and acknowledged the extensive relief for South Gippsland and in particular its agricultural and tourism sectors.

“Council has supported and advocated for the ban of unconventional gas in Victoria for a number of years and we are relieved to hear that the Victorian Government has made this commitment.

“The ban on the unconventional gas industry in Victoria ensures the protection of our local agricultural and tourism sectors from any risks that are associated with the industry. The whole community can now rejoice in knowing the unconventional gas industry will have no place in South Gippsland.

“South Gippsland will remain a place known for high quality food production and its natural beauty and we thank the Victorian Government for listening to the community and our plea to mitigate risks associated with coal seam gas.”

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