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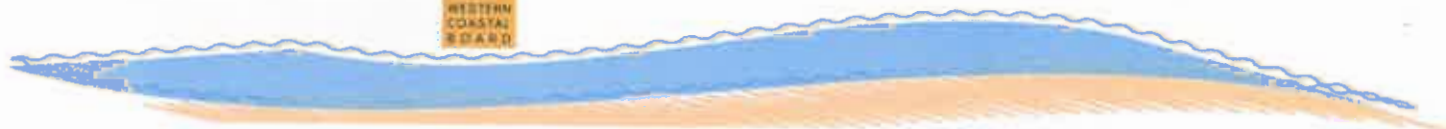
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Protection of our water
aquifers from commercial
resources development
eg Fracturing in Coal
Seam Gas Projects.



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The plan has many positives
However the potential lifting of the
monitorium on Coal Seam Gas Development
needs consideration.

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Development of Gas Industry
Victoria is the only mainland state
without this industry and should
be given consideration as to environmental
and community impacts.

4. Is there anything else that you think we should consider in revising the draft plan?

Protection of our Aquifers
environment and Communities
from Coal Seam Gas (fracturing) Development.

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I am impressed with the plan BUT encourage consideration also be given to events occurring further out in the Southern Ocean that impact on your plan. Particularly chapters 2 & 4. Please see attached copy of Newspaper Article



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Commercial fishing of Southern Ocean causing less tourism by fishermen in already struggling rural towns.

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Always essential to look at the bigger picture of events occurring in Oceans impacting on coastal communities.

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What commercial events/organisations impact on coastal communities.

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Possibility of Coal Seam Gas Mines being developed in our Regions if/when moratorium is lifted.

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Rigorous EPA plans for all gas projects. Accountability of Gas Companies regarding environment and communities if gas wells are allowed

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How our communities/environment can be protected from the gas companies that intend to export our natural resources with no environmental gain for communities in coastal areas.

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in Nelson area of public
camp sites.



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Parks Victoria Staff directly reduce tourism/campers to Nelson area due to cost/attitude.

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Identify need to charge extravagant \$ at camp sites that provide limited facilities. eg Glenelg River Camp Sites.

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Validity of Parks Victoria Pricing Schedule for Camping.

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