

After 50 years I returned to my roots in The Bay St. George area of NL. I returned to Newfoundland to enjoy the pristine beauty and relative unspoiled and unpolluted environment of Newfoundland which I could not enjoy in many of the other provinces I have lived in. This I fear is in jeopardy if the NL government allows fracking to proceed. I live in a community which has Artesian wells as our primary water source. I might add I have not seen any positive results coming from fracking and ground water (only pollution). We also have no proof positive just what seismic damage fracking will do. We have heard from experts who have recently attributed at least one earthquake to fracking. My greatest fear is of the many millions of good clean water (fresh or salt) that is destroyed with the chemical cocktail used in fracking along with the fragility of drill casings. No matter how rosy you paint this, it cannot be good for the environment. This water can never be used again. You are blind if you can't see how easily mother nature can destroy anything man can engineer. We do not want another Sydney Tar Pond or a Gulf of Mexico or Alaska disaster. Please leave our pristine environment to mother nature. Judging by the track record of past governments I also believe that it will not do anything for the economy of Newfoundland as after all the years of oil prosperity the Avalon Peninsula is thriving while the remainder of the province is not.