

Keep Newfoundland and Labrador frack-free

I am opposed to the practice of fracking. Ban it in our province.

Fracking irreparably damages ecosystems by replacing stable reserves of hydrocarbons created by eons of natural processes with chemical solutions that do not belong in our shale deposits and aquifers. What will our province do without clean water sources and stable infrastructure? What's worse, fracking will cause damage to ecosystems in ways that we cannot foresee despite best efforts (which are often coordinated by parties with an interest in development).

Fracking supports a non-sustainable hydrocarbon industry that only encourages runaway CO2 emissions. We must begin to make decisions that benefit local ecosystems and, little by little, redirect our planet away from climate disaster, not destroy them for the sake of public complacency and corporate ambition.

Fracking developments are not worth the prospects of temporary employment for the benefit of corporate interests. Long term impacts on vulnerable communities are bleak without sustainable economic development; short-term employment from fracking projects can only leave these communities destitute in the future.

PLEASE do not throw away the fragile ecosystems upon which life itself depends. PLEASE Do not sell out my province's future by preying on economically depressed communities. Ban fracking for good, and let's find a better way to engage our communities in sustainable, responsible growth.

Sincerely,

A. Reid