

Keep Newfoundland and Labrador frack-free

Dear Dr. Gosine and panelists,

The negative effects from fracking should be of serious concern to all. Unfortunately, your panel does not appear to be representative of the diversity of people in communities across Canada and throughout Newfoundland and Labrador. Rather, the current composition suggests a potential for bias in favour of one narrow sector. In particular, communities along the West Coast of Newfoundland and throughout the Atlantic have opposed fracking, and must be part of the decision - making process. Any credible public input must include increasing the number of public consultation meeting times and locations. In addition, it is imperative that the current composition of the panel be reviewed so that the local, indigenous, environmental and health impacts of fracking may be taken into full consideration by a diverse panel in an objective manner that gives full weight to negative effects rather than providing lip service while rubber stamping the narrow economic interests of a few interested parties.

Sincerely,

Brian Hopkins