

Submission To: the external review panel on Fracking

Dear Dr. Gosine,

I write to you and the Review panel as a concerned citizen of Newfoundland and Labrador. Though I am just one individual, I speak for many, who will perhaps in the coming years be faced with the reality of a landscape that vaguely resembles the land where once they stood.

To live as a unified province I believe it is the responsibility of ALL citizens to be informed through public media, independent research, and peer research reports as to the results of valid and reliable scientific studies, as they become available for social review. I would like to see more consultation sessions as well as a more transparent newsfeed. Though emotions play a catalyst when the stakes are high, so must the facts.

The fact that bans and/or moratoria have already been placed in N.B. , N.S., and Quebec for example, gives credence to the fact that Hydraulic Fracturing has an unstable and unpredictable fallout effect for decades after the oil has been extracted.

The threat of seismic earthquakes following injection of waste water into previously fractured shale , unsafe drinking water due to post fracturing chemical leakage, public safety regarding the transportation of highly flammable crude along our one and only provincial highway, and the destruction of innumerable wildlife ecosystems and the coastline beauty along the West coast of Newfoundland are just a few of the reasons I am against the process of FRACKING. Why would our government allow junior oil companies to destroy our land for practice of Hydraulic fracturing purposes when evidence, such as collected and extrapolated from the Port-Au-Port/Bay St. George Fracking Awareness Group, support the precedence of devastating outcomes.

It is therefore with respect and reverence for our unique landscape, ecological and geological treasures that I appeal to you and the panel to recommend to Minister Dalley to place a ban on FRACKING until it has been proven scientifically safe.

"The health of the people is the highest law." Cicero (106-43 BC)

E. Alexander