

Dear Dr. Gosine:

I wish to express my concern about the real threat which fracking presents in this province.

During my career as a teacher, I lived in communities all over Newfoundland and Labrador. I now reside in St. Lawrence where I am doing work in the parish. Before coming to St. Lawrence, I lived in Stephenville Crossing on the west coast where fracking was front and centre. The residents of the west coast are very concerned about fracking and how it will change their communities. They are concerned about their health, environment and their water and they have every right to be.

Fracking has many disastrous effects: the contamination of water, air pollution, the large amount of water consumed in Fracking, the destruction of our environment, just to mention a few. In Newfoundland and Labrador our pristine wilderness and beautiful scenery are well known worldwide. Just a few years of fracking would destroy this beauty forever. Obviously, this would spell disaster for our tourism industry and we would lose the peace, quiet and healthy environment that NL is famous for.

Dr. Gosine: I ask you to please recommend that Fracking be banned in our province.

Sincerely,
E. Sullivan

PS Below is a link to the Health Study that was recently done in New York and also a link to an article about Pope Francis and his views on fracking:

<http://concernedhealthny.org/compendium/>

<http://blueandgreentomorrow.com/2013/11/29/pope-francis-speaks-out-against-fracking-and-environmental-devastation/>