

Keep Newfoundland and Labrador frack-free

I am opposed to the use of hydraulic fracking on the west coast of Newfoundland, and for that matter anywhere on the island for the following reasons:

Water use: unsustainable amounts of water are needed for fracking operations.

- Fracking wastewater: Hazardous chemicals are used that destroy water and there is no proven safe method of disposal.
- Climate impacts: CO₂ and methane are very damaging to the environment. Air emissions and seismicity are all real concerns. Fracking for shale oil presents unique risks including increased volatility during transport.
- Socio-economic impacts: low-income communities are often targeted. The promise of jobs rarely transpires.

Sincerely,

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