

Keep Newfoundland and Labrador frack-free

I am opposed to 'fracking' in Newfoundland and Labrador for the following reasons:

1) the process uses an awful lot of fresh water, which then becomes contaminated, and is no longer suitable for drinking; 2) the chemicals used in fracking are potentially harmful to the groundwater, and fresh water resources, as well as to people who use water from wells, lakes and rivers - and it is harmful to the environment.

While Canada may have 7% or more of the world's fresh water, it is not a finite resource and the consequences of polluting it through fracking in any of the provinces will affect many Canadians and wildlife. This is a risk I don't think we can afford. Please keep Newfoundland and Labrador frack-free.

Doing this will set a precedent for Ontario and other provinces. It's high time, governments started to weigh the effects of short-term gains against long-term risks.

Sincerely,

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