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Dear Panel:

Re: Hydraulic Fracturing in NL

Just two years ago, my husband and I did not know what the word "fracking" meant. Those who bought into the new oil buzz did not know what fracking was, or that it was necessary in order to extract oil from the Green Point Shale. After learning what fracking means, and weighing the promises given to us by BSE and SPE, and doing some research of our own, we feel a deep conviction to say NO to fracking.

We are not willing that the beautiful air and scenery and environment of the west coast be taken from us and our neighbours in western NL for the benefit of just a few. We have some of the cleanest water and air and do not take it for granted. This land we take such pride in was passed down to us by our parents, grandparents and great grandparents. We see this as a precious and priceless gift that no money could ever buy. We have relatively clean soil to grow a few vegetables and, wherever we can, we find enough fish and wildlife to fulfill our needs and those of our children. We want to keep this safe and wonderful natural resource.

We are asking you today on behalf of our family that you not allow slickwater, hydraulic fracturing in NL. We would love to see our children come and work in the Bay St. George area but not at the expense of their health and the destruction of our environment. I was taught that everyone should have the right to clean water, air and safe earth to walk on and grow vegetables, etc. That is a human right. Fracking destroys that. It should not be money over matter. If we do not have our health, what does money matter? In the name of compassion and wisdom, and as you read the studies/articles on your website, please tell Minister Dalley to keep our west coast frack free. Let this Panel be truly independent.

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