



Dear supporter,

My name is Alan Manson and I recently joined the committee of Frack Free Geelong.

I have obtained your email address from the details you provided when you signed up for our website's [Newsletter](#) some time ago.

My reason for sending this email is for two reasons:

1. To **advise you** that Frack Free Geelong (FFG) remains concerned that the Petroleum Exploration Permits that cover the Geelong and Surf Coast regions have not been rescinded by the government's recent announcement of extending their moratorium on onshore gas exploration.

This means the possibility remains that **when** the current moratorium is lifted; Geelong and Surf Coast residents (together with other landowners within the PEP163 map below) will see mining equipment flood into the area to establish this unconventional gas industry.

If residents within the permit area allow this to happen, it will be too late to stop it.

2. To see whether you are able to **provide support**.

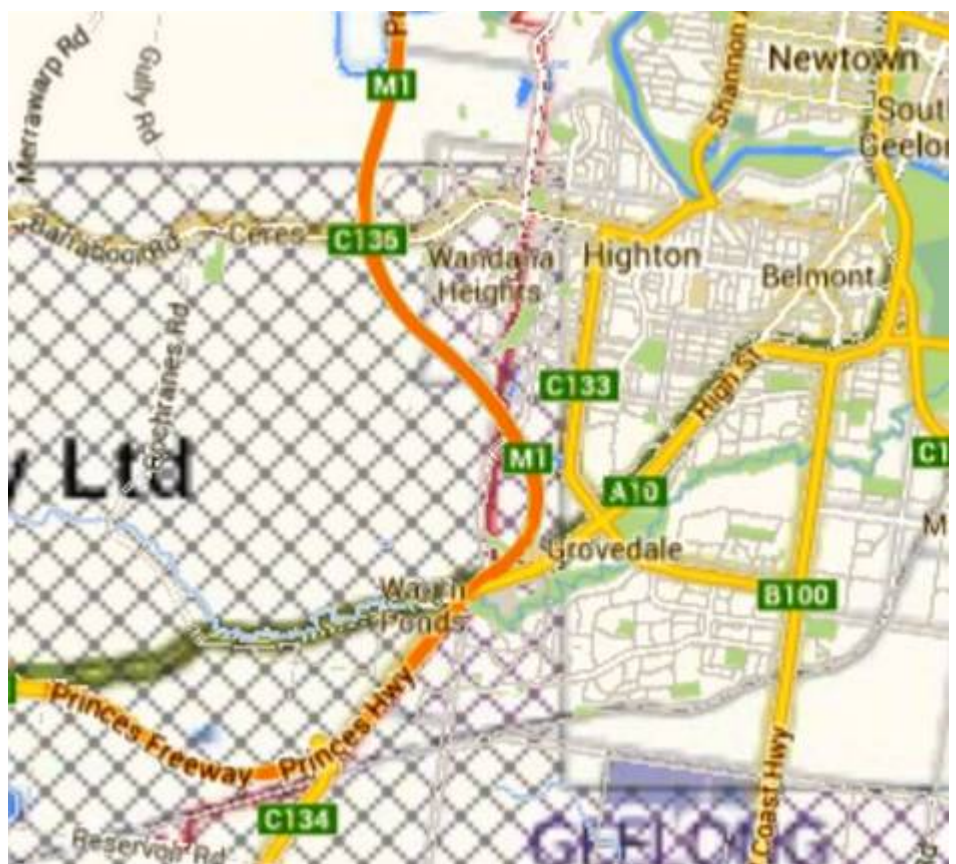
## Lakes Oil

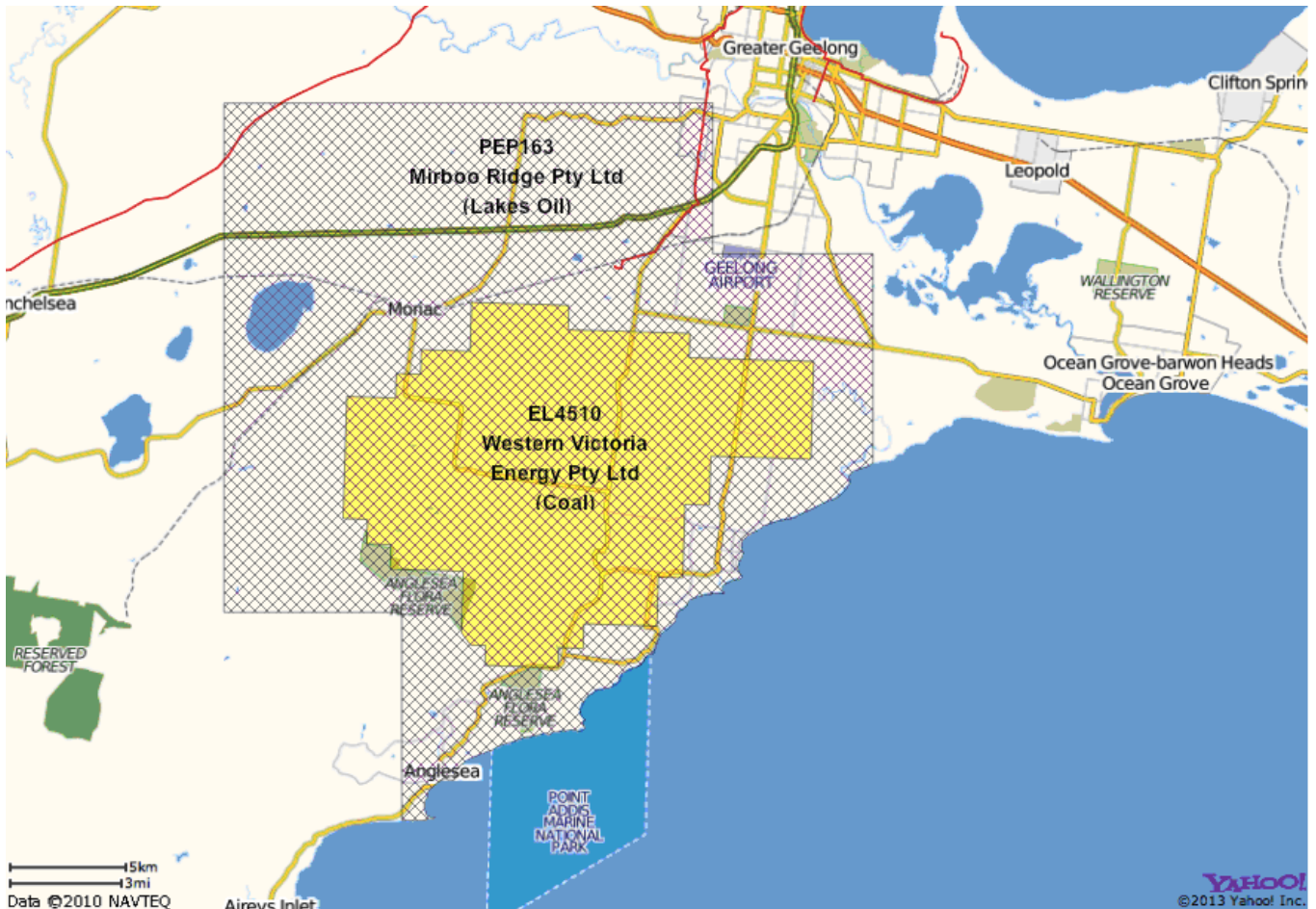
You may or may not be aware that gas exploration company [Lakes Oil N.L.](#) has been allocated Petroleum Exploration Permit (PEP163).

This permit allows them to explore and ultimately extract gas from within the shaded areas of the map; which encompasses certain suburbs of Geelong (right) and the Surf Coast region (next page).

The Geelong suburbs affected by this permit include parts of Waurn Ponds, Grovedale, Wandana Heights and Highton.

To appreciate the overall effects that Coal Seam Gas mining has on farming communities, please view this entertaining 3 minute [video](#).





Frack Free Geelong doesn't want to see our region's landscape transformed from the farmland that's essential for providing food, water and everything else we need to survive, into the 'gas-land' that other parts of Australia have become; as shown in the image below of Tara, Queensland.



Worse still, these mining companies have demonstrated they have no concern for the land or the environment they have fracked wells in.

To see a snapshot of the negative effects gas mining operations have on the environment, have a look at the [grim pictorial history](#) of Coal Seam Gas drilling that took place in the NSW Pilliga State Forest earlier this year.

In addition to this, there are accounts of people's health being adversely affected by gas mining operations. The worst accounts are those in which children are reported as suffering the most.



The reported symptoms of these illnesses are:

- Bleeding from the nose and ears;
- Children being placed on anti-seizure medications;
- Children losing the use of their limbs for varying periods;
- People being more prone to contract cancer.

Read more in the attached Lock the Gate newsletter.



### Request for Ongoing Support

The protest group [Lock the Gate](#) have achieved great success in opposing unconventional gas mining in Australia.

It is Frack Free Geelong's strong desire to adopt these same proven methods to prevent gas mining operations from being established in the Geelong and Surf Coast regions of Victoria. For this to happen, we need an 'army' of volunteers who are prepared to fill the following roles. Once we have the necessary number of people, we will run training courses so that everyone is equipped to fulfil these job positions effectively.

FRACK FREE GEELONG SUPPORT GROUP	
Job Category	Job Requirements
Gas Truck Identifier	Required to alert others when gas drilling/production machinery is seen in the region
Group Protestor	Required to protest in a street rally or similar
Gas Rig Protestor	Required to protest at a drilling site
Gas Rig Supporter	Provide support for the physical needs of protestors on a gas site such as food, drinks, transportation, etc
Financial / resources supporter	Provide resources such as cash donations, making of placards, photocopying, etc.
Letter-boxing	Help in the letterboxing of pamphlets
Letter-writing supporter	Write letters to the media, politicians, etc.

If you (or anyone else you know) maybe interested in becoming part of the Frack Free Geelong Support Group, we would like to hear from you. This means:

- Your contact details and job categories would be listed on our database.
- You would be advised of dates for your training to take place.
- You would become a member of a dedicated team determined to keep the Geelong and Surf Coast regions **FRACK FREE!**

### Request for Immediate Support

We have had 5,000 pamphlets printed (copy attached) that require distribution throughout Grovedale during June 2014. If you or anyone you know is able to assist in the delivery of these, we would appreciate your help. Each round requires a couple of hours work.

If you have any questions then please feel free to give us a call.

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