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Dear Mr Manson

Thank you for your letter about your concerns related to coal seam gas.

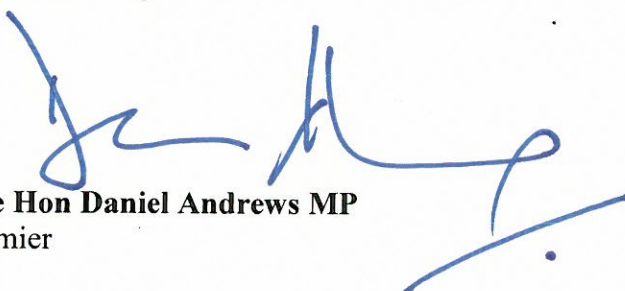
The Victorian Government has concerns regarding coal seam gas and onshore unconventional gas. As you are aware, the Government has committed to establish an independent Parliamentary Inquiry into issues related to onshore unconventional gas this year. The Government has also committed to maintain the current moratorium on issuing new exploration licences, exploration drilling activities and hydraulic fracturing while the Inquiry is ongoing.

The Parliamentary Inquiry will provide an important opportunity to examine the scientific facts and obtain robust evidence to inform future policy in this area, including the appropriate management of risks.

The Inquiry will be underpinned by a thorough and transparent process, and identify how the Government can work closely with the community and stakeholders to help ensure confidence in decision-making. I encourage your members to participate in the Inquiry process.

Thank you again for writing to me about this important matter.

Yours sincerely



The Hon Daniel Andrews MP
Premier

