



10 Reasons to OPPOSE FRACKING

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We already risk dangerous climate change even if we only burn a fraction of the fossil fuels we've already found. So developing even more reserves like shale gas will make it harder to slow down climate change:

"Over 80% of coal, 50% of gas and 30% of oil reserves are "unburnable" under the goal to limit global warming to no more than 2C"

BBC News, 7 January 2015

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Fracking can potentially lead to serious or widespread pollution of our water supplies...

"I really believe that fracking does pose a danger for European water deposits. We do not have technology that would eliminate the danger of having water contaminated through the process"

European Parliament Water Group founder and President Richard Seeber MEP, Jan 2014

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... and air pollution too:

"Shale gas extraction and related activities can be major sources of classical air pollutants ... Multiple sites can also be a significant source of particulate matter, especially diesel particulates from the compressors, engines and traffic associated with production"

Public Health England, Review of the Potential Public Health Impacts of Exposures to Chemical and Radioactive Pollutants as a Result of Shale Gas Extraction, page 12

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High-profile doctors, pharmacists and public health academics want fracking to be banned because of the risks to our health:

"The arguments against fracking on public health and ecological grounds are overwhelming. There are clear grounds for adopting the precautionary principle and prohibiting fracking".

British Medical Journal, March 2015

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Shale gas is most unlikely to improve the security of UK energy supplies or reduce prices ...

"It is very frustrating to keep hearing that shale gas is going to solve our energy problems – there's no evidence for that whatsoever... it's hype", Prof Jim Watson, UK Energy Research Centre research director.



... but it could reduce the value of your house:

"House prices in close proximity to the drilling operations are likely to fall."

Government report: Shale gas rural economy impacts, March 2014, page 15



Lack of adequate regulation & oversight:

"The combination of weak regulation, diminishing resources within regulatory bodies, inexperience of industry and regulators, lack of an appropriate monitoring framework, poor industry compliance and potential conflicts of interests within the planning regime is very disquieting."

Scientists for Global Responsibility & Chartered Institute of Environmental Health report, July 2014, page 7



Our rural landscape could become industrialised:

"8 wells per square mile are common in the US and Australia"

FEASTA report on the potential impact of fracking in Nottinghamshire, Dec 2013



There would be a massive increase in the volume of heavy traffic on our rural roads:

Just one exploratory well at Misson will generate up to 36 HGV movements per day for weeks at a time.

Island Gas Ltd Environmental Scoping Report for Misson Springs exploratory well site, Jan 2015 p7



A big majority of people don't want fracking near them:

49% of people would oppose fracking if it went ahead in a nearby town or village, 27% would support it.

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey, May 2015 page 8



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