

STATEMENT OF GLOBAL ALLEGIANCE

In respect of our collective environment and the rights of our children

We, the undersigned, do hereby confirm our allegiance and support to each of the other, in respect of an indefinite campaign in global opposition to shale gas mining, aka high volume, horizontal, slick water fracturing (fracking / fraccing).

We are convinced, through scientific and legal data – empirical and peer-reviewed, in the fields of water, air pollution, health, environment and bio-diversity, economics, law, amongst other sciences and disciplines, and through our common sense of right and wrong that shale gas mining is a process, practice and technology that:

- Is based and founded on an unsustainable (rapidly depleting) fossil fuel resource;
- Ignores the fact that national and global fossil fuel reserves are recorded as being in excess of the value that can actually be consumed (converted to carbon emissions) before the year 2050 with a view to the internationally adopted limit of 2° global warming;
- Represents the established contemporary predisposition of the oil and gas industry (O&G) to pursue ‘extreme energy’ options, as easily accessible fossil fuel reserves are exhausted;
- Through its marketing by O&G, and in reality, stifles, delays or otherwise militates against the essential development of and investment in ‘green’ energy technologies by governments and corporations;
- Locks nations and economies – developed and undeveloped – into a further dependence on fossil fuels;
- Directly damages the holistic environment through documented knock-on effects;
- Displaces otherwise sustainable human activity, impairs the value of ‘natural capital’ and renders less effective – or destroys - the eco-system services, (those systems) which sustain all life on Earth – that are provided by a functioning eco-system;
- Creates additional and unplanned expenditure of public funds to restore roads, and maintain public health, conduct investigation, monitor extraction activity, enforce the law, prosecute offenders and generally provide other services from the state with public taxes;
- Can and should be disregarded as an energy source on the basis that there exist documented reserves of alternative fossil fuels that are comparable in energy and pollution values, having regard for the global limits that have been reached in respect of the emissions of carbon based fuels and the survival of future generations.

Therefore, it is our sworn position that we shall apply the resources at our disposal to:

- Inform the inhabitants of this planet of the risks to their future prosperity posed by fracking;
- Coordinate and expand, wherever possible and affordable, a global network of persons and organisations opposed to fracking;
- Support each other in whatever way possible and within the credo and objects of our organisation(s) or personal value system(s).

These actions will give effect to our fundamental objective of opposing any activity that promotes or in any way fosters the propagation of fracking.

Where any commitment to or aspect of this allegiance may be contrary to (any of) the provisions of the member organisations hereto, then that aspect is specifically excluded from this statement of allegiance.

By our collective / individual signature(s) we confirm our voluntary commitment to this allegiance.

Signed at _____

On day _____, date _____, month _____, year _____

In my personal capacity _____ (signature)

Or

On behalf of _____ (organisation)

Duly authorised

ORGANISATION / INDIVIDUAL DETAILS:

Address: _____

Email and/or URL : _____

Telephone, fax and zip code: _____

Name of signatory: _____