

To: [Committee, EC \(SEN\)](#)  
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To the Commission on Fracking,

We feel that questionable science/technology (such as fracking) should not be used in oil/gas recovery.

Possible reasons that fracking is not good is the risk of polluting underground water, depleting the water tables and possibly even creating earthquakes (ref Oklahoma).

Landholders should have the guaranteed right to refuse exploration/recovery of mineral resources when questionable extraction methods are proposed.

This right of refusal should be backed by law without the threat (as now) of the mining company taking the landholder to court for such refusal.

If the Government does not declare an outright ban on fracking, no fracking should be allowed within 1.5 kms of any home and the landholder must be compensated with a large royalty settlement.

It must be remembered that mining booms come and go but water and food are needed forever. Let us not risk them by allowing questionable techniques of extraction.

In addition to the above,

We strongly believe that for any conventional mining operation the below points should be considered:

Should the landholder allow exploration/recovery then anything recovered on that land should be subject to a guaranteed royalty percentage for the landholder.

Should the exploration/recovery take place without the landholder's permission (i.e. more than 1.5 km from home) the guaranteed royalty percentage should be considerably reduced.

The above two points should help remove friction between landowners and mining companies and also hopefully to encourage landholders to allow miners to prospect for resources.

Yours Sincerely,  
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