

Environmental Commitment as Leader in Sustainable Practices

Mr WILLIE question to MINISTER for BUSINESS, INDUSTRY and RESOURCES

My question is on behalf of my constituent Sean Thurstons of Moonah. The government has acknowledged that a 2015 review into fracking in Tasmania highlighted significant concerns, including risk to our agricultural industries, branding and markets, public and environmental health, community cohesion, and landowner engagement. The minister has stated his commitment to maintaining Tasmania's long-term prosperity and reputation as a leader in clean, sustainable practices.

Why has the government not given the agricultural and tourism industry certainty by legislating a ban of fracking practices, rather than a moratorium? In the unlikely event the gas industry can prove it is a safe and sustainable practise, could the legislation not just be amended or repealed?