

# Background and Instructions for getting signatures on the Petition

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## Background

The Limestone Coast region in the SE of SA is prime agricultural land, home to the Coonawarra wine region, a crucial food bowl and a thriving tourism industry. But gas mining threatens the lifeblood of the region - the groundwater, as well as our clean, green image and the health of our community.



**The Government must put its commitment to a moratorium on fracking in the SE into law.**

If you have been following the campaign you already know that after years of community organisation and action we secured from the Liberals in SA a pre election promise for a 10 year moratorium on fracking. Fracking is the highest risk form of gas mining and a 10 year ban is a huge step forward toward our goal of protecting our land, families, industries and community.

However the moratorium is currently only a verbal commitment and does not protect the South East from any potential change of government or government policy over the next 10 years.

Legislation for the moratorium is required to provide the certainty that farmers, winemakers, tourism operators, small business and the community need to invest in the future.

Independent MP for the seat of Mt Gambier Troy Bell has introduced the Legislation the Liberals should have into the lower house, and Greens MLC Mark Parnell has introduced the same legislation to the upper house.

We will be backing this push for legislation in a range of ways and we need your help - the first thing you can do is demonstrate support by signing and getting signatures on the formal parliamentary petition.

We need you to get hands on and help now! - its easy and anyone can do it, thank you.

## How to guide for being a petition coordinator

### Getting started:

- You can download the petition, print it out, and get started! your first goal - Get 3 sheets signed and returned. Download the petition from this page: <http://www.protectlimestonecoast.org.au/2018petition/>  
Direct download link <http://www.protectlimestonecoast.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/10-Year-Moratorium-on-fracking-2018-petition.pdf>
- Then take the next step - become a petition coordinator! Aim to get 6 people to do the same as you and get 3 sheets filled out. Use the handy [Petition Record Sheet](#) to keep track.
- Download the printable [petition background and instructions](#) you are reading here, you can share them with those you recruit.
- 1st Deadline: **30th July 2018** (please send all filled out petition in by this date) 2nd and final deadline: **28th September**.
- Need help?, Advice? Want us to post you printed out petitions? Please contact us for more info: <http://www.protectlimestonecoast.org.au/contact/>
- Stay informed by [signing up to receive our newsletter](#) using the form on the front page of the website or contact page and stay informed. The planet and the people of the Limestone Coast thank you.

***This is a formal parliamentary petition and there are [strict rules](#) about how they are filled out. All petitions must be original copies, not scanned, faxed, emailed or signed online and only signed once per person.*** They need to be returned in person or by mail to the address at the bottom of the petition. If you are a co-ordinator ideally have them returned to you and send them together, so you know who has completed them.

Note signatories need not be residents of SA e.g. Victorians who may also be directly affected.

To help you coordinate your input we have also provided a [Petition Record Sheet](#) to write down the names and phone numbers of the people to whom you have given petitions. That way you can follow up every few weeks to see how they are going. There is a comment column so you can record if they are away, have done a great job, have offered to do more, or anything that helps you keep track of how they are all going.

Good luck - the land, people and communities of the Limestone Coast and the world thank you.

To read the full rules for parliamentary petitions visit this link:

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/HouseofAssembly/BusinessoftheAssembly/RecordsandPapers/Documents/Petitions%20Information%20Sheet%20March%202014.pdf>

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