



Presently, a number of oil and gas companies\* who have already been granted exploratory licences in Ireland, are preparing to use Hydraulic Fracturing ('Fracking'), which involves the pumping of millions of gallons of water, mixed with hundreds of highly toxic chemicals, thousands of feet deep into the ground) to profit from shale gas in the Lough Allen and Clare Basin Regions - an area which includes twelve counties: Leitrim, Roscommon, Mayo, Sligo, Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, Clare, Galway, Limerick, Cork, Kerry & Fermanagh and Antrim(N.I.)

\*Tamboran and LANGCO for NorthWest of Ireland; Enegi- Clare basin-ROI; Infrastrata, Rathlin, Singleton , Tamboran– Northern Ireland

If this is allowed the aftermath may be an irreversible disaster for us and our environment. It may result in the contamination of our water table, and of Ireland's most extensive and important river and lake network. We will not allow the safety of our water and the health of our children to be put at risk in return for temporary jobs and a quick-fix and unsustainable energy project.

Shale gas extraction may bring in a once off €15B to the economy, agriculture brings in €24B every year. Hydrofracking for gas? Or farming and tourism- they cannot coexist in Ireland.

Countless cases of death have been reported among wildlife and livestock in the US and Australia. A litany of serious 'fracking' related health problems for people in communities in areas where this technology has been used have also come to light. Because of this damning body of evidence, which includes academic reports, moratoria on 'fracking' have been put in place in the state of New York, in the state of New Jersey, in the North Rhine Westphalia (Germany), in South Africa and in France.

At present in Ireland there is no regulation in existence that covers this extraction method, and there has been no research published into the potential consequences of such activity here.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has only recently begun an investigation into the safety of the process. Their final report is not expected until 2014.

Already in the U.S.A and Australia, pollution caused by this process to land, to air, to surface water and to groundwater has resulted in a terrible health toll and catastrophic environmental damage.



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**Get involved in YOUR community. Join a local group working to ban fracking where you live.**

If we are going to get a total ban on fracking -- the only thing that will protect our properties, our communities, and our own health -- is to:

**Call on the Irish and UK government to place an immediate and permanent ban on the process known as Hydraulic Fracturing ('Fracking') and all related preparatory and exploratory work in both Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland**

**YOU need to DEMAND clean, renewable energy. DEMAND that legislators stop selling out our communities to be used as toxic dumping grounds**

**WE THE PEOPLE say NO to being used as collateral damage**

[www.nofrackingireland.wordpress.com](http://www.nofrackingireland.wordpress.com)

[www.frackingfreeireland.org](http://www.frackingfreeireland.org)

People Association Watchdog <http://offalytatter.ie/?p=1427>

**An Taisce** The National Trust for Ireland <http://www.antaisce.org/CurrentCampaigns/Fracking.aspx>

facebook groups: No Fracking Ireland (Cavan, Fermanagh, Leitrim, Clare/Limerick..)

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