



Ten Good Reasons NOT to frack Yeat's Country

"Cast a Cold Eye: On Life. On Death. Gasman, Pass By"

- That once dwindling species, the common or garden Tourist, is returning in ever increasing numbers to our beautiful North West, also known as "Yeat's Country". Tourism is one of the few growth industries in Ireland, and Tourism and Hydraulic Fracturing (Fracking/ onshore unconventional shale gas extraction) are NOT compatible. Tourism **OR** fracking, - you can't have both!
- Our small and winding roads simply could not sustain thousands upon thousands of huge trucks associated with the industry, carrying dangerous chemicals, silica sand, building materials and contaminated waste water, plus transportation of the actual drilling rigs and machinery.
- Animal and human health will suffer, (and **are** suffering in areas onshore gas mining in the US, Australia and Canada).
- The gas won't belong to us! The mining companies will sell it on the international market place to the highest bidder. It won't bring down the price of gas in Ireland, and in all probability could be exported. Industrialization of a rural area for a "quick fix", boom then bust scenario does not make any sense. Local authorities will be left with a clean up bill.
- The promise of thousands of jobs will **never** materialize. Specialist drilling crews from the US, or Canada will be brought in to Ireland. The jobs are temporary as the lifespan of a well is very short.
- More jobs will be lost in the Tourism and Agri business sector, than created by fracking. micro tourism (surfing, cycling, river and lake fishing, canoeing, rambling, horseriding and stand up paddle boarding), will be badly hit.
- The North West is a very high Radon area. Naturally occurring radioactive material and heavy metals will be brought to the surface by the gas extraction process. The "produced" or waste water used in the process will have to be stored, transported, treated.....
- The Ballyshannon Limestone, an aquifer of regional importance lies directly beneath the Bundoran Shale, (which holds the gas) - the potential for a toxic timebomb is huge!
- Yeat's Country has many areas of special conservation, rare flora and fauna, unique species and landmarks – all to be jeopardized by a profit driven "quick fix"
- Once you "frack", you can never go back. 6% of all well casings leak immediately, and all wells leak methane eventually. In order to recoup their investment, the gas companies will have to drill tens of thousands of wells, effectively concreting over Yeat's country, and far, far beyond. The licensed areas cover TEN Counties, (at the moment, this could increase) - and very possibly your townland!