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Taoiseach,

I am writing to request that you and the Irish Government give the Irish people the opportunity to decide on Onshore Shale Gas Hydraulic Fracturing on the same day as the Children's Referendum. Have you and all your Cabinet members watched the Gasland's documentary ?

www.gaslandthemovie.com

<http://youtu.be/VBhuLx1ipDg>

Do you accept that Onshore Hydro-Fracking is a Crime Against Humanity that creates water and food shortages by poisoning the land and the Water Table, resulting in the humiliating and degrading treatment of human beings ?

Onshore Shale Gas Hydraulic Fracturing is the worst form of War against people and their environment, as Shale Gas resources are given priority (by their own Government, and political establishment) over the essential resources for human existence - fresh water, clean air, and food producing land.

This travesty is allowed happen because the Gas companies buy off the political classes, decision makers and the Media.

A country's underground fresh water Aquifer System, food producing land, countryside and air quality should never be sacrificed by it's political classes on the altar of Shale Gas Fracking Greed.

There was nothing about selling Ireland out to the Frackers, poisoning the Water Table and the River Shannon forever, destroying some of the most beautiful countryside in the World, nor creating Earthquake Zones (where there are none) in any of the Political Parties' General Election Manifestos in 2011.

If Onshore Hydro-Fracking is allowed in Ireland, it will create 'Hell on Earth' as the damage done to the Environment and Water Table, Tourism, Ireland's reputation as a clean food producer, and beautiful countryside will be irreversible.

Based on Tamboran's figures for Bundoran and Dowra; they intend to drill 1,440 wells. Each well would require 5,000 gallons of toxic radioactive chemicals = 7.2 million gallons of toxic chemicals that would have to be pumped into the Shale Layer by drilling through the Water Table.

In the American Gaslands - the chemicals have been forced back up to the Water Table by the Gas, poisoning the Water Table for ever more.

All of Ireland's underground fresh water aquifers are connected, so those poisonous radioactive chemicals will be dispersed far and wide – and poison the River Shannon Water Table forever.

50% of wells leak after a few years - so that would be 1,220 leaking Fracking Wells.

If Hydro-Fracking is allowed in Ireland, there would also be Condensate tanks dotting the landscape

and releasing poisonous vapours 365 days a year.

Tamboran have only outlined phase 1 of the Fracking War - that will destroy Ireland forever, within a decade, if it is permitted.

The experience in America is that the Fracking companies have only delivered a fraction of the jobs that they promised, whilst destroying existing enterprises that require clean air and fresh water.

To avoid an Urban / Rural (East/West) split on the issue, this is the wording for the Onshore Fracking Referendum that I recommend :

Are you in favour of Onshore Hydro-Fracking in the County where you are registered to cast this vote ?.

As Ireland is a country with a folk memory of famine, it is only fair that Irish citizens are given a chance to cast their vote on the issue of Onshore Hydro-Fracking.

Slán go fóill,

Dermot Mulqueen.