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**EXPLAIN TO FUTURE
GENERATIONS IT WAS
GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY**



**WHEN THEY CAN'T
FARM THE LAND,
BREATHE THE AIR OR
DRINK THE WATER.**

Welcome back Mr Clark MP, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Secretary.

I trust you had a good break with plenty of time to reflect on the issues raised by allowing fracking in England to go ahead and how, when the inevitable catastrophe occurs, you will face the people of this country.

In May this year Josh Gabbatiss, science correspondent for the Independent wrote

'Communities and their local councils across the UK have said no in every way they can, but the government have turned a deaf ear to everyone who doesn't own a fossil fuel company'

May I ask if your hearing has now improved?

Is the response of the government still as the poor ostrich below?



I hope your holiday was not ruined by plastic on the beaches which, as you know, is an ever-increasing threat worldwide but which government has promised, as world leaders, to tackle.

Do government **STILL** intend to tackle the problem by adding to the increase in plastic production?

The destruction of our land, water, air, ecology, health and wellbeing to facilitate fracking for plastic production?

Do you feel this makes sense Mr Clark?

Has this been thought through? If so by whom?

I was completely dismayed to read that the go ahead was given for fracking at Preston New Road on the last day of parliament. So, it appears, were many people including

Caroline Lucas,

Caroline Lucas from the Green Party said in a tweet: "Disgraceful that the Govt has quietly signed off fracking on a busy last day before recess. "They've ignored local people, overruled local councillors and torn up our commitments to tackle climate change."

Alan Whitehead

Shadow energy minister Alan Whitehead, said: "Overwhelmingly people don't want to take the unnecessary risk with fracking, to our natural environment and the purity of our water. "Labour will ban fracking, instead committing to building our renewables sector and sourcing 60 per cent of our energy from clean, green sources by 2030."

Liz Hutchins

Liz Hutchins, Friends of the Earth director of campaigns, said: "It's taken the industry seven long years to just get to this point. "In those same seven years, renewable energy has gone from providing a tenth of our electricity to supplying a third of it. There is no need to force fracking on this community in Lancashire when the alternatives are so clear. "The government backed the wrong horse. Renewables have cleared the finishing line and have taken the cup while fracking is limping along on the first stretch

Of course you have also disappointed the majority of the population of England (the voters) who are, as you are fully aware, against Fracking.

Government's last minute approval of fracking an example of its profoundly dated thinking

The Independent. James Moore 25th July 2018

‘The move flies in the face of the National Infrastructure Commission's recommendation that ministers seize 'golden opportunity' presented by energy from renewable sources which could provide 50 per cent of the UK's requirements by 2030 without adding to bills’

‘When it comes to energy this Government is guilty of profoundly backward thinking.’

‘We’re ultimately going to pay a very high price for that, and it won’t just be extracted through more Lancastrian earthquakes.’

Who will pay the high price Mr Clark?

A Texan tragedy: ample oil, no water

The Guardian. Suzanne Goldenberg

Fracking boom sucks away precious water from beneath the ground, leaving cattle dead, farms bone-dry and people thirsty

Will it be us, the people (receptors) (voters), who pay that high price Mr Clark? Will it be our children and their children who will pay?

The Ring of Fire Network

The US Is Fracking Away All Of Our Drinkable Water

By [Farron Cousins](#)

August 17, 2018

Fracking is sending the United States into a **death spiral where it comes to drinkable water**, according to a major new study by Duke University. Not only is the increase in fracking causing more and more drinkable water to be forever poisoned by industry toxins, but the increase in emissions is worsening climate change which then leads to more droughts and less water, and the cycle repeats itself time and time again.

Water is considered one of the basic building blocks of life. When you think about space exploration, what is one of the first things that we look for when we look at other planets? We look to see if there's water. Because if there's water, there's a good chance there could be life. But back here on earth, in the United States, we're actually running out of water. **And one of the biggest reasons we're running out of water is because of the contamination being caused by the fracking industry.**

According to a major new report from Duke University, the amount of water used in fracking wells has increased by, originally it was about three to five million gallons per well, and now it's up to about 30 million gallons per well. **They have increased their water use by 770%**, and in the next, I think 12 years, that's actually expected to increase 50 fold. So, we're talking about a 50 fold increase in water usage for these fracking wells that's going to amount to **trillions of gallons of water that will be forever lost to humanity and nature itself**. Trillions of gallons of water just to pull this natural gas out of the ground so that we can continue our addiction to fossil fuels here in this country.

Because here's the thing, and the Duke study points this out brilliantly, **once water is used for fracking, it is essentially lost forever**. Be it through the contaminants that come into the water via the chemical mixture used in fracking wells, or it gets trapped beneath the shale that they're trying to break up to get the natural gas out, and therefore, we have no way to get back down there to it. So yes, this water is gone. **And this is potable, drinkable, wonderful, clean water until it's made either dirty enough that we can never drink it again by the fracking industry, or they trap it so deep underground underneath this rock that we can't ever get back to it.**

Will our 'Gold Standard' regulations prevent this happening in England Mr Clark?

Will you share with the public the proof you have that our water is safe please?

A reminder from Parliament

Environmental Audit Committee calls for halt to fracking

26 January 2015

Shale fracking should be put on hold in the UK because it is incompatible with our climate change targets and could pose significant localised environmental risks to public health.

- [Report: Environmental risks of fracking](#)
- [Report: Environmental risks of fracking \(PDF 424KB\)](#)
- [Inquiry: Environmental risks of fracking](#)
- [Environmental Audit Committee](#)

That is the conclusion of MPs on the cross-party Environmental Audit Committee who will attempt to amend the Government's Infrastructure Bill in Parliament today.

Joan Walley MP, chair of the Committee, said:

“Ultimately fracking cannot be compatible with our long-term commitments to cut climate changing emissions unless full-scale carbon capture and storage technology is rolled out rapidly, which currently looks unlikely. There are also huge uncertainties around the impact that fracking could have on water supplies, air quality and public health.”

“We cannot allow Britain's national parks and areas of outstanding natural beauty to be developed into oil and gas fields. Even if a national moratorium on shale drilling in the UK is not accepted there should be an outright ban on fracking in such special sites.”

“The Government is trying to rush through changes to the trespass laws that would allow companies to frack under people's homes without permission. This is profoundly undemocratic and Parliament should protect the rights of citizens by throwing these changes out when they are debated later today.”

Report overview

The report warns that only a very small fraction of our shale reserves can be safely burned if we are to keep global temperatures below 2 degrees. And that considerable uncertainties remain about the hazards fracking poses to groundwater quality, air quality, health and biodiversity. It points out that continually tightening carbon budgets under the Climate Change Act will have significantly curtailed the scope for fossil fuel energy by the time shale gas is likely to be commercially viable on a large scale.

Infrastructure Bill

The Committee is also calling for other changes to the Infrastructure Bill. Proposed changes to trespass law that would grant companies automatic right of access to land at depth should be removed from the Bill because they seriously undermine citizens' rights and are not supported by the public. Fracking should also be prohibited outright in nationally important areas such as National Parks, the Broads, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, SSIs, ancient woodland.

The Committee is also insisting that:

Licences and permits must not be issued if commercial operators cannot demonstrate sufficient resources and insurances to cover full liability in event of pollution incidents.

Venting of methane emissions is unacceptable. Full containment of methane must be mandated in all fracking permits and permissions.

To protect groundwater a minimum separation distance — between the shales being fracked and underground aquifers — should be defined and mandated.

Environmental risks of fracking - Environmental Audit

79. **Public acceptance—what Tom Burke called a 'social licence'—is critical in determining whether fracking should continue in the UK. We can envisage the development of a regulatory regime fit for the purpose of fracking but we are unable to see at this stage how the crucial 'social licence' can be established when the debate around fracking is so polarised. The openness of all involved is vital. Publishing only a redacted report on *Shale Gas Rural Economy Impacts*^[191] has not been helpful in this regard. We asked Defra for an un-redacted version of the report during our inquiry, and this should now be published as soon as possible. The Government and industry must be transparent and make publicly available all other information relating to fracking as a matter of course.**

80. The Infrastructure Bill proposal of an automatic right of access to land 300m below the surface for the purpose of extracting energy is equally unhelpful. 74% of the public are against this proposal,^[192] and when the industry acknowledges that it is not necessary^[193] it is difficult to see why this should remain in place. **This proposed change in trespass law has serious implications for citizens' rights which could unnecessarily undermine the democratic process for objecting to development. On this issue, the public have spoken and the Government must listen.**

3 years and 6 months later government is still not listening

Government accused of dropping fracking question from opinion survey

The Times, Ben Webster August 17th 2018

If you don't like the answer, stop asking the question. That is what the government has been accused of doing by deleting a question on support for fracking from a quarterly public opinion survey.

For four years the survey has shown that more people oppose fracking than support it. Now, just as fracking is about to resume, the government has dropped the question.

The latest Public Attitudes Tracker survey on renewable energy and shale gas, published by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, is silent on the public's attitude to fracking.

7 Hospitalized After Pipeline Explosions in Texas

EcoWatch. Lorraine Chow 2nd August, 2018

Seven people were injured and hospitalized after a series of natural gas pipeline explosions in Midland County, Texas on Wednesday, according to local media.

Tory councillors oppose government's fracking proposals, poll finds

The Independent. Benjamin Kentish, 13th August, 2018

Government must not rob communities of right to block applications for shale gas drilling, local Conservatives say

Buried UK government report finds fracking increases air pollution

The Guardian. Damien Carrington 3rd August, 2018

Report was with ministers in 2015 but only published three years later, days after a key fracking permit was awarded

As we suffer in the heatwave and Greece burns, the Tories are signing off a fracking bill that is laughable

Health warnings have been issued. Hosepipe bans are imminent. Yet pumping millions upon millions of gallons of water and chemicals down into earth remains the government's priority

The Independent. Harry Cockburn, 26th July 2018

See what you have missed whilst you have been away Mr Clark?

To build may have to be the slow and laborious task of years.

To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day.

Sir Winston Churchill



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BAN FRACKING

