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**From:** Patrick Casement  
**To:** R BAZLEY  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 August 2011, 11:38  
**Subject:** Re: Shale Gas

Tony,

I see little problem with your involvement, as long as you declare any interest if we discuss the issue at any point. With reconstitution just round the corner I would be very unhappy to lose you from CNCC - there is going to be a major turnover of members and those with experience will be vital to keep us up to speed.

Peter and I are very happy for you to give a short presentation on the Shale Gas project to CNCC at our September meeting - Peter has put it on to the agenda.

Best wishes

Patrick

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**From:** R BAZLEY  
**To:** Patrick Casement  
**Cc:** Peter Archdale  
**Sent:** Thu, 18 August, 2011 10:28:41  
**Subject:** Shale Gas  
 Patrick,

I feel that I should let you know that I am now becoming even more involved with Tamboran Resources the Australian Shale Gas explorer. It is a three-quarters time job and I am leading for the company in Ireland/NI. This is because of all the anti-shale gas feeling that has been whipped up by the Anti-Shell (Corrib) crowd in Mayo by widely showing the Gaslands film in Co Leitrim etc.

The Anti's are anti-any-development really but, of course, have every right to protest about drilling for gas and the resulting industrial process - and we respect that. The Gaslands film, and I can supply copies if you wish to anyone on the CNCC, is full of half truths and untruths but it does show examples of bad drilling practice in a couple of wells. That has to be put in context with up to 40,000 wells drilled with no problems. Even so, even one environmental error is one too many and I have advised the company on a policy of complete openness.

The CEO of the company and myself have acted quickly because the company puts a 70% chance on shale gas being discovered in commercial quantities in Leitrim and Fermanagh. There is 18 months to go before any drilling that involves hydraulic fracturing and whether the gas can be obtained will not be clear for at least 3 years. In the ROI the licence option we hold has to be converted to a full exploratory licence in spring 2012.

By mid September we will have met with all the County Councils involved (at full council meetings as well as at lower levels) and held a number of public information meetings. We have already met the full Fermanagh CC and have broadcast in the ROI on local radio as well as RTE Drivetime. We are fully answering all queries that come to us, as well as responding to items on Facebook and Twitter. We have met with regulators in Belfast and soon meet those in Dublin.

We are undertaking to use no chemicals during the hydraulic fracturing (fracking process) because this seems to be the main bone of contention. If gas is found it raises the prospect of 25% Irish supply over a period of 50 years, jobs and maybe lower gas prices. There is still a huge IF gas is found in adequate quantities.

I could go on but am boring you already. The shale gas issue will come more to the fore in coming months. I ask you to consider again whether my place on the CNCC might prove problematic for you as a result. If it might then I will step aside. I would be more than happy to give our 20 minute presentation and answer questions on shale gas (that is now becoming second nature to me) at the next CNCC meeting if it will be helpful. I should add that I never mention the fact I am on the CNCC at any of the meetings or broadcasts for the company.

Was sorry to hear the Bernie Smith has been ill but delighted that his prospects of a full recovery seem good.

Good wishes

Tony