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Jocelyn - Protecting the Limestone Coast food bowl

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to make people have a deeper knowledge of how fossil fuels, in particular hydraulic fracturing, impacts the environment. The problem of hydraulic fracturing is that the toxic gas and oil can easily escape the tacky thin layer of piping into the natural aquifer that supplies water to many homes, animals, and for wine, dairy products, vegetables, fruit and livestock.

Hydraulic fracturing is a massive threat to all this produce. This would be crazy to just wipe out all of this priceless land and replace it with dirty hydraulic fracturing wells and an aquifer full of toxic gas and oil. My project is really about protecting the natural food bowl that the Limestone Coast has to offer. I made a short film and I also did a lot of research.

Did you share your project with others?

I worked by myself, but I shared it with my family and friends and my class. I also did a speech to another youth group, a bit like the YEC but adult youth, in Adelaide.

Next steps

I finished my project but I definitely won't stop my passion for stopping this horrible thing.

What is your biggest success so far?

It would be giving lots of people knowledge of this horrible way of extracting fossil fuels. Not just this project, but a lot of other things have built up to having the ten year moratorium on gas (fracking in the South East, passed by the South Australian Parliament).

What did you enjoy most?

Being able to show people my project and to inspire them.

What is your advice to other students?

To always have ambition and don't give up. Make sure that you have knowledge as well. I think you've got to be able to have very good people skills and be very confident to share your knowledge.

This case study was transcribed from an interview and display. These are Jocelyn's words and opinions, unless shown in brackets.