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Representations

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Soundness Test **P2**

Plan Component **Part 2, Section 5.0**

Relevant Policy, Para, Appendix or Proposal Map **Relevant paragraph 4.89 Draft policy MIN04**

Details:

FFAN [Fermanagh Fracking Awareness Network] would like to comment on the FODC Draft Strategy Plan. FFAN is making this submission under section P2 of the 'Soundness' Test'. The definition of fracking needs to be more strictly defined to take into account the 625 responses sent in by the public in 2016, to the FODC preferred options paper. FFAN submit that the sentence on page 127 [policy clarification 4.89] of the draft FODC Local Development Plan Strategy that ends 'also known as hydraulic fracturing or fracking' should be replaced with: ' also known as hydraulic fracturing or fracking; which means the generation of mechanical fractures in rock below the surface by means of the physical process of pumping fluid at high pressure into the rock via a petroleum wellbore for the purpose of enhancing the flow of all hydrocarbons between the rock and the wellbore. The reason why this more detailed definition of fracking is required is so as to fully cover all frackings various forms and names by defining fracking by its actual physical process. Draft Policy MIN04 [also page 127] states that the FODC 'will not permit exploitation of unconventional hydrocarbon extraction until it is proved that there would be no adverse effects on the environment or public health'. Proof that fracking is safe can not now ever become available as the huge and ever growing body of peer reviewed science compendium available at

www.concernedhealthny.org shows that fracking is dangerous under all circumstances no matter what level of regulation exists. Below is the last paragraph of the latest compendium [Fifth edition, 266 pages, March 2018] 'I close with an observation by Maryland physician Judy Stone, MD, whose recent essay in Forbes speaks for all who have contributed to this Compendium: 'Fracking profits go to private industry but the public—families and communities—bear the costs of the many health complications from the drilling. There is growing evidence of a variety of health problems being associated with fracking. Common sense dictates that drinking and breathing cancer-causing agents will take their toll. The correlation is too strong to ignore, especially when we have other, cleaner energy options. For our safety and that of future generations, we should not allow the new administration to sell off public lands, nor allow drilling on our land, and should ban fracking completely.'