

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Beverly,

Find attached 7 photos printed on A4 sheet showing the effects of coal seam gas.

From my experience of visits to 3 areas where coal seam gas extraction is occurring, these images are typical of all 3 areas. I have visited sites near Casino NSW, near Tara in southern Queensland and in the Pilliga semi-arid woodland/scrub near Narrabri in NSW, the location where these photos were taken.

The first page shows coal seam residue substance on top of an evaporation pond that was releasing foul odours into the air. The 2nd page is of dieback from saline surface flow and sub surface infiltration down-slope from a gas well site. On the 3rd page there is a salt encrusted unlined pond used to contain produced water and a leaking bore where wallaby footprints can be seen in brackish muddy water.

The purpose in sending these photos to the coal seam gas inquiry is to show evidence that any endeavours of developing state of the art coal seam mining technology have failed and there is no amount of tinkering that can make it into a clean energy source.

Regards,

David Menzies

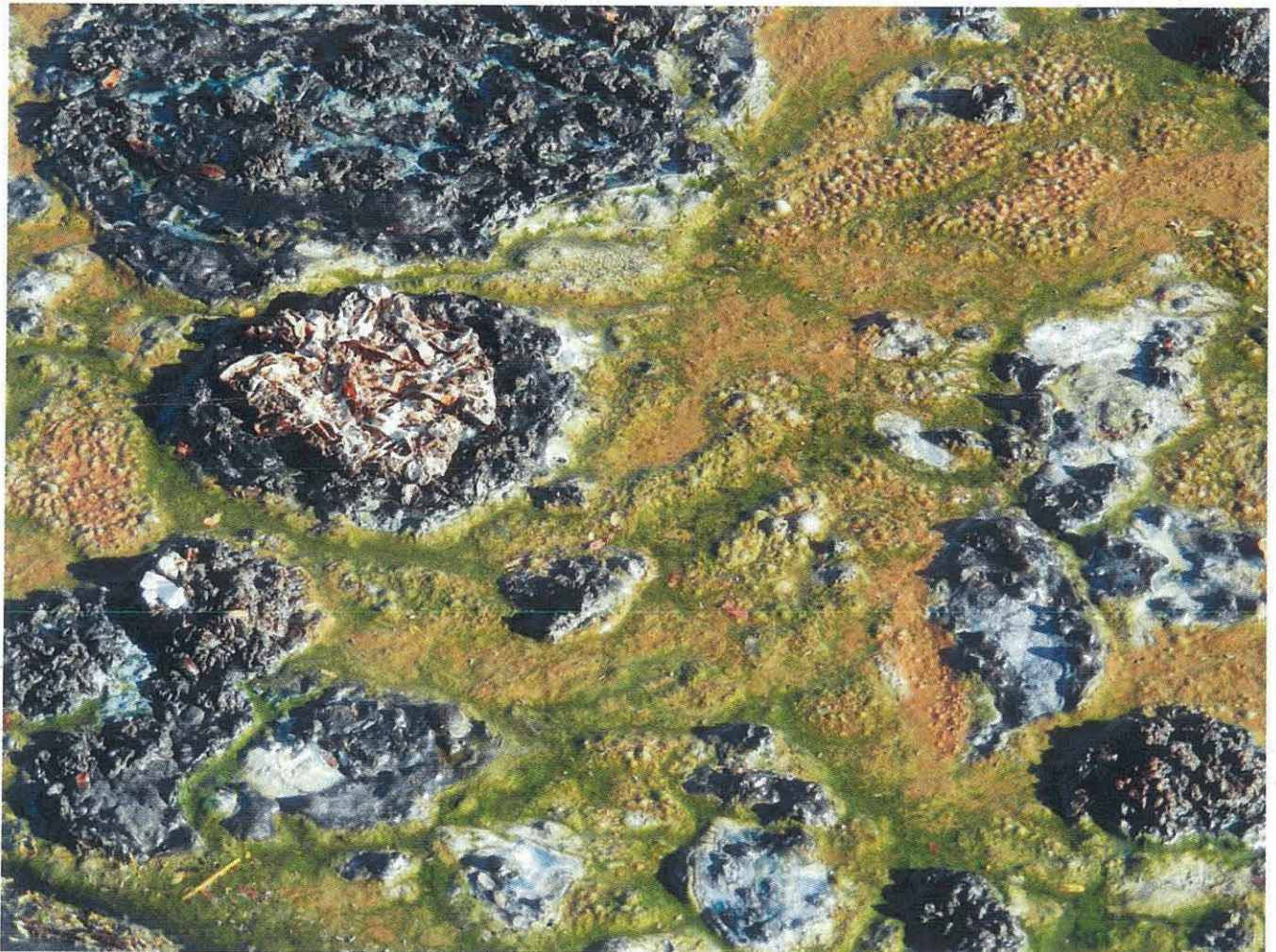
residue
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other wastewater
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Plastic
lining
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Odorous residue floating on top of evaporation pond at CSG operations in the Pilliga forest. June 8 2011.



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Dieback of vegetation affected by salinity runoff adjacent to CSG operations in the Pilliga forest. New South Wales. June 8 2011.

(near Narrabri)





Above: Produced water from CSG operation and saline crust formed around sides of unlined pond.

Below: Fluid leaking onto the ground from CSG related infrastructure. Pictures from Pilliga forest, 8.6.2011



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