

## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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We should not be investing in dirty, finite technologies like CSG but supporting clean sustainable technologies. We cannot take a RISK with our precious water, soil and air. CSG technology is not infallible and human error can never be eliminated. We are gambling with our lives and future. Once the soil is destroyed, the air, the water, we can never turn back. We have enough environmental disasters in the world at the moment without contributing further to the degradation of the land, environment water and quality of life. With such high stakes, no technology should even be considered before being PROVEN 100% safe, let alone with the speed the CSG industry is going ahead, with NO such assurances or proof. The farmers lives are being ruined. Instead of being respected as the vital contributors to our lives that they are, their land and rights are being violated. CSG is NOT a clean technology despite the propaganda. Methane (which inevitably escapes and is uncontrollable) is far more deadly as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. The toxic waste in open pools enters into the natural water systems through evaporation. Ridiculous amounts of water are used and waste produced. I strongly object to CSG. I strongly object to continued investment in dirty and FINITE industries. I strongly object to the rights of the people, the community, the farmers, the indigenous community being over ridden. I strongly object to the tax breaks and subsidies given to dirty fuel industries. The government is in service to the people, not the other way around. Time for real change and protecting our precious resources.