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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am appalled at what has been let happen by the government to our land, our people and our environment. I never thought that in all my time i would ever see such a disgraceful display of abused power. What are you going to do with your money when you have no clean water to drink and no clean food to eat???

I am calling for a full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts are rigorously and independently assessed.  
Coal seam gas exploration and mining made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including to native vegetation and water management laws.

The provision of standing to ensure that the community has full legal rights to challenge and enforce environmental laws under of which coal seam gas companies are operating.

The provision of the right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for coal seam gas exploration or production onto their land.

A prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushlands, valuable farmlands, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public land.

A requirement that all chemicals used in the coal seam gas drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved for use.