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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Coal seam gas drilling & extraction has many human health issues that are yet to be fully investigated. Environmental and groundwater pollution from gas drilling & extraction are matters that I believe have not and cannot be prevented. Landholders by law must allow CSG exploration companies onto their land and negotiate access arrangements with the mining company. However the company can ignore the access arrangements knowing that the landholder would need to take legal action against the mining company to seek redress. It seems to me that there has been far too little planning, far too little investigation and there is far too little landholder protection in the current rush for coal seam gas in NSW. I ask and direct the NSW Government to impose an immediate & full moratorium on coal seam gas exploration and extraction until health, social & environmental issues have been thoroughly investigated with fully independent assessment of the findings.

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