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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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## SUBMISSION - Coal Seam Gas Inquiry

I am very concerned about the ramifications of CSG mining on Australia's way of life, environment, health of people and particularly the health of our water supplies. As well, landholder rights are being eroded.

I would like the following points to be addressed in the Inquiry:

1. Landholders' rights under the NSW Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991 to be amended to include the right to say NO to CSG exploration or mining on their land
2. A moratorium on all CSG exploration and extraction in NSW until a full assessment of social and health aspects is carried out and made public.
3. Everybody's home is important but areas of outstanding natural beauty (scenic) should not be compromised in this unfettered pursuit for gas.
4. If fracking is allowed at all, BTEX chemicals should be banned to avoid them getting into the water table.
5. A full assessment of the impact of CSG on all water supplies, most importantly rivers and creeks upon which we and livestock all depend.
6. The Great Artesian Basin is the largest artesian basin in the world and we should not allow CSG mining to deplete or poison this groundwater.
7. It appears that CSG companies do their own environmental impact studies which they then present to the relative Government. This practice should cease and completely independent bodies be engaged to carry out future EISs.

As a further comment, we are assured everything will be alright but despite best practices at the time, accidents do happen and could prove very costly for humans and the environment.

Scotland has a renewable energy target of 100% by 2020 - Australia's 2020 target is 20%!! I believe if we invested more money in renewables we would be much better off and leave a country for future generations which would be pleasant to live in.

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