

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am making this submission because i am totally disgusted by the process of Coal Seam Gas mining. Simply put, i believe it is wrong.

I believe it is NOT the solution to sustaining our growing population. It is highly toxic to the environment, to humans, it is very disturbing to landowners who live near by (it wrecks them totally), it decreases land value drastically, and alters the balance of earths biosphere. We are going too far with this, and it needs to stop.

We need to concentrate our focus, energy and money onto known sustainable energy resources.

For me submission i ask for the following point:

~A full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

~ Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the 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 which coal seam gas companies are operating.

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

~ A prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable food producing farmland, groundwater aquifers, waterways and drainage lines, residential areas and public lands.

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