

**Submission
No 886**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

Organisation: Year 11 Students, Wee Waa High School

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Submission to Coal Seam Gas Enquiry.

This submission follows the visit to Narrabri Crossing Theatre of the Legislative Council Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas Exploration and Mining in the Narrabri Regional Area.

Students from Wee Waa High School attended the Inquiry and composed questions they wish to submit to the Committee.

1. Who does CSG production benefit most?
 - How does it benefit the local community?
 - Will gas be a cheaper price per unit in the local area or in NSW as a result of local production?
2. Will the outcomes of CSG production be beneficial above what is produced and used at present?
 - Are there other methods of production that can be used?
3. If other industries in the local area are affected in an adverse manner through CSG production what compensation is available and from whom?
 - For example: Farming with the loss of crop or livestock production, aquatic farming and retail services.
 - What happens if a farm becomes unviable due to contamination? Who will buy a contaminated farm?
4. Will the long term employment in the CSG industry make up for the lost jobs in agriculture or will families be forced to leave the area in search of work?
 - What guarantee is there for sustainability for local companies and local people? Why are we (Aust) selling out to overseas businesses?
 - Will there be support for local business communities that will be affected by a downturn in business as a result of CSG production?
5. How will water be kept free from contamination from the drilling process and from well production water?
 - What safe disposal procedures are in place to contain and dispose of polluted water and wastes from CSG wells?
 - Will companies guarantee against contamination of aquifers and rivers?
6. What is in place for fire and bushfire risk in CSG situations?

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