

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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We own a 300 acre beef-raising property adjacent to the boundary of the proposed Sutton Forest gas field.

We are very concerned about the impact of coal seam gas extraction on ground water. Our property is entirely dependent on dams for watering out stock and we are very worried that below-ground disturbance could have an impact on our water. We also have a bore for garden use and worry that it might be affected.

The Highlands is a fertile region within close proximity of Sydney and has an important role to play in food production, a role that is likely to become even more important as people try to reduce food miles by sourcing their food closer to home.

I strongly oppose mining under agricultural land and believe the coal seam gas industry has been allowed to grow in the absence of real research and understanding of its impacts. It should be stopped until that research is done.