

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to register my concerns and fears regarding the direction the NSW Government is going. I request a full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling and industry related works until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

It seems common sense and vitally important that Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws. Why would it be exempt?

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. Why do mining companies have rights of land owners. This needs considering. The Australia public won't stand for it. Have you read the papers lately?

At the very least, a prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, 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.

I strongly object to the current outdated practices of the mining industry.

Also you need to listen to the Aboriginal people, not push them aside and continue mining.

People have rights, you work for us, we voted you in, we can vote you out, we will vote you out if you don't listen to what the people of NSW want.

Yours sincerely,

Anthea Amore