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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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i really hope the state of NSW can slow down and think the issue of Coal Seam Gas out a bit longer. if there is potential to pollute waterways and the air we breathe, we must stop and think. and think very hard. the cost is to our citizens health and the food we produce. we need to think what is the society we want for our grand children, when we give this idea vision, then we need to find a path to that vision. this country is collectively owned by us all, not just shareholders to multi national companies. lets get a vision for NSW, that will find ways to meet our food, water, lifestyle and energy needs without the need for mass consumerism and without the risks of coal seam gas.

it is the accumulative effect of toxins that is most alarming, we already have a state full of degraded waterways from poor farming and industry practices. lets draw a line in the sand and say enough is enough! lets find ways to decrease our energy requirements and ways to source this energy which will not add to the accumulative effects of toxins, the industrilisation of rural towns and the the wealth of our country going overseas. i understand that collectively the state of NSW will find financial hardship in a decision to stop CSG mining, i as a citizen of NSW am prepared to accept this and take responsibility for this. thank you