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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am a 23 year old female and a citizen of Australia with great hopes for my future and the future of my family, children and friends.

My concerns surrounding this issue are:

It's affect on the ground water and surface water supplies.

The toxicity of chemicals that will inevitably be released into the environment and the long term side affects of these chemicals on our health and the health of future generations.

The vastly unsustainable amounts of water that will be used in this process.

Affects of transportation of building and mining materials and the transportation of gas extracted.

Affects of the fracturing process on the stability of the earths structure.

Affect of the development on the flora and fauna in the surrounding environments.

We have a beautiful country at our feet, I believe that taking this path with do nothing but destroy it's future and the future of it's citizens. The notion that this industry will provide Australia with a "transition" fuel source seems absolutely ludicrous. The technology exists for a sustainable future in Australia, we should be looking at taking steps forward rather than greedy steps backwards.

Please listen to the people of Australia, who are feeling very distressed and powerless.