Submission No 752

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Committee.

As future landowners in the Bylong Valley area of NSW, we do not agree with any CSG exploration, for energy consumption. We only need exploration for sustainable, renewable energy. This is only profits for the Multinationals, in the guise of Greener energy. False. We need.

A full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

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.

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. Yours Sincerly.

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