

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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As a long term resident of the beautiful Manning Valley, I hold grave concerns for the future of this pristine area if coal seam gas mining is allowed to proceed. I ask for:

- *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.