

**Submission
No 194**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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We are owners of rural property in the Southern Highlands of NSW and are hereby strongly objecting to Coal Seam Gas Mining (CSG) for the following reasons -

- . potential damage/pollution of ground and surface water
- . objecting to the chemicals used re 'fracking' and 'drilling' operations
 - continually told they are safe but never by INDEPENDANT BODY.
- . object to our inability to deny landaccess to a miner under NSW law.

Also where individual neighbours can grant access without reference to neighbours and communities.

- . Productive agricultural land is at risk to CSG operations

WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO FAITH IN THE MINING COMPANIES doing the right thing for land owners - it is all about greed for these companies - We feel that our environmental interests are not the number one concern here by the governing body. NSW farmland, bushland and communities are at risk of permanent contamination and should be better protected from the health and enviromental damage that will surely stem from CSG mining.