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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Water is life. We live on a very dry continent. We must protect our water.

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

CSG 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 CSG companies are operating.

The provision of a right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for CSG exploration or production on their land.

A prohibition on CSG exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, all residential areas including rural residential areas and public lands.

A requirement that all chemicals used in CSG drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved.

We can mine csg safely. Lets independently and scientifically determine how this can be done, and then, and only then, proceed to mine for csg.