

**Submission
No 309**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Director of General Purpose standing committee No. 4

I am writing to you to express my concerns about Coal seam Gas development in my region.

As a beef producer I am worried about the potential to contaminate my stock from produced water high in salts and chemicals leached out of the coal seams, the impact on prime agricultural land, our water supplies for Kyogle, Casino are drawn from the Richmond River, Lismore also supplements its water supply from the Wilson river.

Storage of produced water is difficult and containment to dams has failed during the wet season, parts of our area has had above 2,000 mm of rain.

The other problem I have is the Lions way pipeline proposed to go thru Lynchs creek where my farm is and on thru the World Heritage Border Range National Park, an area with lots of endangered species like Eastern bristle bird, and Hastings river mouse. The proposal has pumping stations every 3 kms venting hydrocarbons to the air and envitome. If my cattle are poisoned or my water who is liable Government the company.

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or is it the live stock producer, when we sell a animal we give a decloration of what the animal is treated with and any withholding periods. required as part of our trace back system, how do we declare produced water or 'whats in it as this varies from site to site.?, and by the geology and presense of springs and aquifers. my farm is dependent of aquifers & springs.

Casino is our domestic and export meatwork that relies on ~~the~~ Clean river water via the water plant pollution in any of these catchme could wreck havioc on our industry.

I would like to see a total Ban on the industry due to risks involved in hydraulic fracturing, and even drilling in our pristine Northern rivers area.

with thanks