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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I write to register my extreme concern regarding the proposed rapid expansion of the Coal Seam Gas industry which to date, has not proved to be safe. It seems that our most precious resource, water, could well be contaminated during extraction processes and the productivity of our prime agricultural land ruined for future generations. The mining companies appear to be rushing this new and dangerous industry and I would suggest a moratorium on coal seam gas extraction until its impact on our prime agricultural land and the health of our water and communities has been thoroughly assessed by a national enquiry. We must act responsibly and ask the question, is coal seam gas worth the risk? Evidence so far such as leaking gas wells, sick animals, dead trees and polluted water suggest that it is not worth the risk.