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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I would like to register my request for a complete moratorium on fracking in NSW. The chemicals used are known carcinogens and have the potential to pollute the water table and cause birth defects and public health risks. Please consider 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 should be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws. Parliament should ensure:

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.