

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Coal seam gas exploration must be restricted by all possible environmental controls.

I want coal seam gas exploration stopped until it is proven to have no detrimental effect on our water, irrigated crops, native vegetation or other existing land use. This industry has been destructive in America despite all the gas companies' assurances.

Landowners/holders must be entitled to refuse access to their land if they fear damage to their livelihood or property.

The great depth of drilling presents a greater risk to the aquifers so vital to the health of the Hunter valley people.

Any trial bore permitted must be done with only safe chemicals (if such exist) approved AND SUPERVISED by a competent and transparent regulation system.

People of NSW should not have to live in fear of an outdated fossil fuel experiment when cleaner energy processes are available. These should be encouraged by redirecting investment to them.