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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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A full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed. A prohibition on all coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, ground water aquifers, residential areas and public lands.

Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislations, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

All these points should be mandatory so that our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren and all the people of Australia can stay living in a healthy environment, we call ourselves the lucky country for how much longer can we say this it is up to the government to make sure we stay the lucky country.

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.

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.