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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The Director
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To The General Purpose Standing Committee

Submission regarding the NSW Upper House Coal Seam Gas Inquiry;

Impacts of this potentially damaging industry need to be independently, scientifically assessed – before it continues & expands. Without understanding complex social, health & environmental costs, it's economic evaluation is very incomplete.

The CSG industry needs to abide by all laws protecting environment – water, vegetation & pollution – unlike the U.S. Exemptions.

CSG mining is already bringing a new level of threat to agricultural & environmentally based industries & sanctuaries, on levels that challenge the intelligence of the laws currently allowing sustainability to be undermined.

Please act responsibly in assessing & limiting further costs of this form of mining that will be paid for by non-miners, for generations.

sincerely, ian plant.