

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No 5
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY

Dear Sir,

SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO IMPACTS OF COAL SEAM, GAS

We live in the Cassilis district on the Golden Highway and are vitally interested in the proposed pipe line planned to be laid underground through our property.

Whilst we realize that the Company, Eastern Star Gas, need to convey the methane gas to the coast near Newcastle we are not willing to agree to have this intrusion on our land and can see no reason for this route to be chosen.

Whilst in USA in March, 2 significant gas line leaks occurred and there is no guarantee that the same would not occur here. This is a poisonous gas.

I have seen the erosion caused by the deep disturbance of the black soil after rain and heard of the long delays in reparation.

There has been no talk of compensation to the devaluation of the price of the land should we wish to sell.

The company we are presently dealing with has been sold to another which has a high overseas shareholding. If or when this is increased to a majority shareholding by foreign ownership, will they have any interest in our welfare.

The terrifying aspect of fracking coal seams for gas is the contamination of the water aquifers and even the artesian basin.. To bow to the might of huge companies to make short term profits for themselves, the government and overseas countries would be a monumental disaster for our beautiful countryside, our people and future.

It is a known fact that fracking causes pollution in ground and in above ground storage ponds.

Please think of our children's future and do not agree to this type of mining.

Yours faithfully, Elizabeth Morrow
