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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sir/ Madam

I would like to present my submission to the inquiry into Coal Seam Gas (CSG) mining in NSW.

I am strongly opposed to any further development and expansion of CSG exploration and mining in NSW. I feel that there has been no assessment into the long term social and environmental effects that this form of industry will have.

There have been numerous examples of the damage caused to local environmental areas where gas drilling has occurred and there is evidence of the CSG industry's inability to respond to this damage.

There are questions as to what effect CSG mining will have on underground aquifers that exist in areas where mining of this type is being carried out. The toxic substances used in the drilling as well as fracking processes in actual mining have not been assessed as to their residual properties where underground water supplies have been disturbed by mining activities.

I would like to ask that the inquiry consider a full moratorium of all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the full impact of this industry on our health and well being as well as that of the environment have been assessed.

I would also like to see that all coal seam gas exploration and mining be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation and this would include existing native vegetation and water management legislation. I feel that it would also be necessary to prohibit all coal gas exploration and mining in areas of valuable farmland, public lands, residential areas and places of significant national and state heritage.

I ask that you consider my submission

Yours Sincerely

John Clarke