

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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The Hon Robert Brown  
NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas  
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Dear Sir

I live in the district near Myall Lakes where Pangaea Resources has an exploration permit PEL476. With no prior notice, Pangaea recently began approaching individuals seeking access to their properties for exploration purposes.

I am alarmed at the possibility of CSG mining in this sensitive area. Research indicates great potential threats from CSG mining in terms of long term damage to adjacent waterways – even distant water resources if the experience of the USA is taken into account. Further, there are grave potential health and social problems likely to arise from coal seam gas activities. *The potential to poison the soil, air & water is real & long term.*

The CSG industry has been quick to grab exploration rights over a major portion of NSW, encouraged by the royalty holiday granted by the NSW Government. The mining industry could not care less about individuals or the community at large. It seeks only to maximize its own profits. Experience with major environmental disasters around the world (including Australia), indicates that these companies are not to be believed in terms of their reassurances that their activities will cause no problems.

My submission to this Inquiry is as follows:

1. No CSG mining in the catchments of any sensitive water resources. Myall Lakes is one such sensitive area – therefore no CSG mining within this catchment. *it is registered under RAMSAR wetlands conservation.*
2. The Government must ensure that major concerns about the environment, health and social welfare are addressed properly before any further CSG activities are approved within NSW.
3. The Government must NOT allow CSG mining companies to trample over people. The rights of all people (property owners and neighbours) must be protected properly in relation to any CSG activities.
4. The Government should remove the royalty holiday – this is just pandering to the influence of the miners instead of looking after the people of NSW.
5. The Government should examine whether CSG truly is the best way forward. I understand that senior scientists are now questioning whether in fact CSG truly does have a lower whole of life-cycle carbon footprint than other alternative fuels.

I thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. I look forward to a positive outcome from your Inquiry.

Yours faithfully

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