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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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The Director,  
General Purpose Standing Committee No 5,  
Parliament House,  
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Dear Sir,

The "Summer Dell Pastoral Group" has owned a 100 acre property on the Exeter Rd. for over 30 years. My wife and I live on this unit now.

This farm consists of black basalt soil with a 160 m. bore which supplies up to 150 ML of licensed clear water annually. This is distributed by a large travelling irrigator. We even pay a regular fee for this prior to the water actually being pumped out.

This Exeter unit (— a component of "Summer Dell Pastoral Group" system —) is used to produce hay & silage for transport to our large breeding unit near Goulburn. During the year groups of male calves are —

- sold straight out of the breeding farm near Goullimon while groups of female calves are brought up to the Exeter farm unit for yard weaning and to grow out prior to maturing and sale as breeders.

Our "Group" cannot conceive how our cattle breeding system etc can continue if any development by coal miners causes any form of deterioration of our quality soil and irrigation on the Exeter farm unit!

Yours sincerely,

(Barry O'Neill "Director")