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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am extremely troubled by the apparent power of the mining lobby to override all other interests and concerns in this debate. Yes, there may be an argument that because we have such plentiful reserves of gas, we should use them. But we have plentiful reserves of all the non-toxic renewables too, and they should be given preference over contaminating our best farming land and taking risks with the unknown and unforeseeable.