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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a citizen of Australia I am very concerned about the ability of large mining companies to be able to swindle their way into people's property and then exploit their (dubiously granted) right to mine Crown land. The major concern for all Australians in this is the health of our waterways and the effect that mining may have on people's health, the effect on the ecosystems in which it takes place, and the right of individuals to be able to sell or else live undisturbed on their own land, which they've paid for.

Coal gas seam mining will benefit few individuals, and even less communities. It may represent a nice statistic on the GDP register, and a fat profit for a few companies, but the long term costs, of health care, environmental damage and the loss of viable farming land and valuable water supplies, make the statistic void.

I implore you to take the inquiry seriously and to look out for what the future costs of such a massive project will really be. The speed at which the mining is taking place and of the industry's expansion smells a little fishy - why rush unless there's a chance that you won't be able to do it because it IS massively destructive to Australia's real interest? Let us not forget that individuals vote and that it is they whom the government is there to represent.

I for one am extremely tired of the bullying tactics of industry bodies who have money to throw around, who only care about money, and who will take their money and run as soon as the chance to make more money is gone. It is the people of Australia who will have to pay the price of their callous lack of regard for the present or the future.

Yours sincerely,
Katinka Smit