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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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In the interests of future generations, I would not like to see coal seam gas mining become a mainstream industry in New South Wales, or anywhere else in Australia for that matter. When consideration is taken into the extent of harm it has caused in the United States to both people and the environment, it would be disastrous to allow coal seam gas mining in New South Wales. Surely it is better to look at solar, wind, wave and hydro generation to provide our long-term energy needs as we have a plethora of these natural elements. We do not need coal seam gas mining cluttering up and destroying our environment and much needed farm lands, and polluting our water table. Let's take a lesson from the American experience and not do as we always seem to do - follow their example like sheep. There are many European countries who have rejected coal seam gas mining as detrimental to their environment. Could the New South Wales government think with its head and heart this time - and not with its bank balance?