

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I have grave concerns that a lack of regulation and verification of CSG activities will lead to contamination issues which won't be known until after the fact, and which would then place an unduly high cost on both government and the communities affected.

For communities to get comfortable with CSG there needs to be a fully independent verification system - accountable to local communities - that examines the likely impacts beforehand and then monitors key indicators during extraction. Such a body must have the power to be able to prevent further activities and withdraw extraction licences in the event of non-compliance or lack of disclosure / transparency.

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