

**Submission
No 837**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I submit that it is imperative that legislation must be brought in to allow mining and agricultural land to coexist so, as is the case now, that mining does not destroy everything in its wake.

It is obvious that mining is here to stay for the time being, but our prime agricultural land needs to be here as long as there are humans on this planet who need food.

The aquifers, rivers and water table in general must be protected - mining is destroying our precious land and if nothing is done, Australia will be left in a deeply vulnerable position. We must look to the future.