

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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My partner and I are owners of a Wildlife Refuge - Arkaroola, located in Wollombi in the Lower Hunter Valley. We are totally opposed to the threat of coal seam gas mining in our area.

We are opposed on a number of grounds

1. the environmental impact - ie the destruction of a natural environment with the installation of mining rigs, the construction of roads and associated infrastructure
2. the pollution and damage of the water table - we are dependent on bore water for all non-drinking purposes such as showering & washing etc. Any pollution of the water table would have a risk of danger to our health and well being
3. land access rights - we oppose the right of multinational mining companies having the right to enter our land without our approval. We have invested in our own savings into a Wildlife Refuge so as to contribute to preserving our natural environment which is at risk of destruction across Australia. We do not believe others should have the right without our approval to access our property and to mine for gas
4. community impact - we oppose coal seam gas because of the severely negative impact the threat of gas mining is having on our special community. It is causing significant stress for landholders, farmers and the wider community being faced with a loss of personal control imposed by faceless mining companies as well as the potential loss of their livelihoods due to the activity of the coal seam gas industry

We totally oppose coal seam gas and ask the NSW government to act in the best interests of the community to stop this out of control industry