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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The Director  
General Purpose Standing Committee No 5

Dear Sir,

re inquiry into The State's Coal Seam Gas.  
We would like to make a submission to this inquiry.

FIRSTLY:

- We have listened to & read what environmental scientists, microbiology & disease experts, Metgasco's chief executive & families who live around C.S.G. mining have had to say.
- We ask why should water, air & environment be contaminated for short term gain.
- Good farm land be effected & our animals be put at risk to contamination & the possibility of our farms being quarantined. Also the effect this could have on our food.
- Most important of all PEOPLES HEALTH put at risk. Leukaemia, lung functions, asthma, reproduction problems, harm to unborn children, miscarriages & cataracts.

SECONDLY:

We live near the proposed "Lions Way Pipeline" which Metgasco want to deliver C.S.G. from basins in Northern N.S.W. to south east 2ld. If Metgasco's request is granted this pipeline will go through

- Good agriculture land. As the map shows Metgasco want to put pipelines through farmers cultivated paddocks.
- It goes over or under the Richmond River & three main creeks which flow into the Richmond River. These three creeks have beautiful clear clean water which would be 50% or more of the water supply of the River. If they become contaminated Sydney, basins & all towns which rely on the Richmond River for water would be effected.

We also have good clean underground water in this area.  
• The Lions Road which Metgasco wants to follow to put the pipeline in goes through part of the World Heritage Border Ranges Natural Park. It has a lot of steep terrain & the road is narrow in many parts. This pipe line could cause erosion. This area is one of the most beautiful areas in Australia with rare flora & fauna.

In conclusion N.S.W have some good agriculture land. Farmers are worried about the contamination of their water & animals. The future of their farms & how it will be left after the gas companies have gone & also the health of their families & loved ones. We must look to the future as well as short term gains.

We must continue to produce food for our country as well as for exports.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission  
Yours Faithfully