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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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It's very concerning what it's happening in Australia regarding the CSG industry because respected scientists such as Dr. Marianne Lloyd-Smith and government agencies such as the National Water Commission and the National Toxics Network are warning us about the CSG potential impacts on our health and lives, may be in an irreversible way. The State Governments of Queensland and NSW are easily granting licences for CSG extraction, (the new gold rush), in the most fertile soils of our country. CSG is now also intending to invade our suburbs and cities such as in Campbelltown/Camden LGA, Wollongong and St Peters. Scientists argue the technology's novel and little understood the uncertainty about consequences is huge with an enormous potential of harm.

The industry claims that the "natural" gas is clean but a study by Cornell University found that CSG produces carbon dioxide and leaks "Natural" gas both powerful greenhouse gases.

If the gov. doesn't apply the brakes on CSG and duly put in place the so needed regulations and restrictions and the authority to closely apply it, the fate of Australia is in jeopardy in all its aspects including standard of living, economic, social and health.