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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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To whom it may concern:

I herewith officially lodge my objection to coal seam gas (CGS) mining in Byron Bay, NSW.

Research points to a large-scale pollution risk and actual pollution examples of our precious water resources by chemical-laden waste water produced by fracking.

The fact that coal seam gas mining is exempt from a number of environmental statutes, including the Native Vegetation Act 2003 and the Water Management Act 2000 is a cause for alarm. The environmental impact of CGS mining on nature and humans, such as contaminated groundwater, alienation of farmland and clearing of bushland as well as the increased incidence of earthquakes after fracking (documented in USA) is too serious to consider anything but a complete ban on it.

Therefore, I ask you to consider supporting energy production which is in alignment with environmentally healthy and sustainable ways of supplying energy.

Sincerely,
Roland Dobler