

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I wish to make a submission against coal seam mining in the Southern Highlands due to the risks to the water catchment, the loss of valuable agricultural land, and the inevitable divisions in the community it will cause. I am not directly affected as my home is not in the claim zone, but my concerns are for the long term health and well being of this area and it's community. The legislation to protect land owners is woeful and makes it clear that governments are currently quite prepared to sacrifice the long term environmental health of this country to short term gain. When will we learn from past mistakes? Why can't you see the writing on the wall - water and food production are absolutely essential for human survival - gas is not - it's not rocket science. There is no valid trade off here.