

**Submission
No 206**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

Name: Mr Philip Edwards

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Dear Sir

My family have owned a property in Barlins Lane Lansdone for three generations. Our farm operated as a dairy farm for most of this time. The farm contains highly productive river flats, an unlogged native forest and permanent water supplies., the thought of even contemplating any interference with our creeks and a spring which has never run dry in 100 years is abhorrent. This land could produce food for a 1000 years if managed in a sustainable fashion.

Your enquiry must obtain the best scientific advice to ensure our ground water remains pure and available as it is now. Your enquiry must determine how ground water, released in mining csg, can be treated - all water released on this property will ultimately run into the Manning River. Our land, if csg production goes ahead, will be subject to pipelines, roads, well heads and water treatment ponds--our options to produce food could be lost forever. It is furthermore abhorrent to think we will have to negotiate with foreign mining companies with very deep financial pockets. We must receive financial help if required or some form of approved group of landholders to carry out these negotiations.

Please keep me informed of your enquiry outcomes.

regards,
Philip Edwards