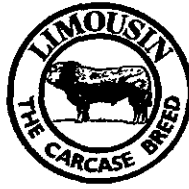


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We have many concerns regarding coal seam gas (CSG) activities in agricultural areas such as ours.

Our land includes cleared creek flats for beef cattle grazing and unspoilt timbered hills, with a pristine creek running through it which supplies all of our domestic and stock water needs.

CSG activities on land such as ours carries the risk of land and creek degradation through the use of chemicals and hydraulic fracturing. The contaminated water produced would flow down the gullies and into the creek, making it unusable for our house water and for our stock thus affecting food security, not only ours but also the wider community which we help supply.

Allowing access to our land to CSG miners would also cause damage to both our animals and ourselves through noise, bringing in of weeds and diseases, and disturbance of the soil infrastructure, leading to erosion.

Our land is farmed holistically and biologically, with very limited artificial inputs. We nurture and respect our land, and believe that CSG activities on or near it would have negative impacts, and we strongly oppose it.

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