

**Submission
No 764**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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To The General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5,

My submission is aimed to express my strong opposition to the continuation of Coal seam gas mining in Australia, atleast until extensive research can conclude that it's practice will not, in any way, harm our precious land, water, flora, fauna or human health.

As a past resident and current owner of a house in Northern NSW, where this industry is seeing expansion, I am appealing to you to halt any further progress and to stop all current projects immediately.

I have read that the methods used to extract the gas requires enormous amounts of water and irreversibly pollutes our water aquifers aswell.

I am personally appalled that the government is allowing such extensive expansion in this industry without regulations ensuring our safety or the safety of our environment. I am disgusted that this industry has lead to our Australian residents becoming ill from contaminated water.

Now residing in Western Australia, I would be horrified if this was to happen in my own backyard, it is unacceptable.

As an environmentalist and a mother, I am concerned for Australia's future and I urge you to put an end to this destruction of our priceless resources and major threat to our health. If you wouldn't like it happening in your back yard, please don't allow it to happen in anyone elses.

Regards,
Karen Schmidt