

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Committee Members,

RE: NSW Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas

I would just like to inform you that I, _____ as a resident of Campbelltown NSW am strongly opposed to the Camden Gas Project (CGP). I feel as though the invasion of mining companies in my area for the is equivalent to a war. As a proud Australian and a proud resident of Campbelltown, it is my unequivocal duty to fight. I have to fight to keep my air clean and my water safe. I have to fight to keep future generations safe from cancer causing BTEX chemicals. I have to fight to keep my house and land values unaffected by these mining giants. Most of all, I have to fight to keep the Scenic Hills, the "Green Lungs" of this wonderful community clean and fighting fit.

Campbelltown as a suburb is a wonderful area. it is a lovely area, full of natural beauty. It is full of green rolling hills, native birds and wildlife. These birds and wildlife species could potentially disappear from our area if the Camden Gas Project (CGP) goes ahead.

The Government as it stands, allows this large corporation to self monitor and self report. When one of their gas wells was caught on film polluting the environment at Glen Alpine in Campbelltown (May 17 2011), they had a variety of stories as to what was actually happening. They told us it was harmless soap mist. They did not report this incident to the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) until two days after the incident had occurred.

The Scenic hills need your protection. The Scenic hills is a place of retreat, it is home to critically endangered wildlife. It is suburbia. It is not to be ravaged to make millions of dollars for companies that supply gas to export offshore to China. Australia will not benefit from this devious endeavor any which way you look at it.

These two necessary items for life – Air and Water, once destroyed cannot be returned to their former pristine condition. Coal Seam Gas mining and the controversial process of fracking have far too many unknowns. It has not been proven to be safe.

Many of the sentiments expressed in this letter are similar to what my family and friends also state, which I whole heartly support.

Please, I implore you to use your sensible wits and as Proud Australians, make the best decision for future Australians.

Yours Faithfully