

**Submission  
No 751**

## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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We are small landholders in the Avon Valley and have introduced our grandchildren to the wonders of the land. We do not want that future spoilt by the ravages of coal seam gas mining as it is happening now.

We demand

-A full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

-Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

-The provision of standing to ensure that the community has full legal rights to challenge and enforce environmental laws under which coal seam gas companies are operating.

-The provision of a right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for coal seam gas exploration or production on their land.

-A prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public lands.

-A requirement that all chemicals used in coal seam gas drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved for use.

Thank you if you consider this request .

John and Sue Hughes