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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Please STOP Coal Seam Gas Extraction in agricultural, grazing & cropping land, national parks, near rivers etc

There should be:

- \* 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.

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