

## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I wish to submit my opposition to Coal Seam Gas industry's hasty development in NSW. My concern is primarily based on the fact that there has been no whole of life study on the long term impacts of this industry in Australia. Potential impacts to agricultural properties, our food bowls & our food security are very real. Additionally unknown outcomes pertaining to aquifers, creeks, lakes wetlands & soaks should not be risked for an industry that stands to prosper only in the relative short term.

Supporting this industry does nothing to transition to sustainable & renewable energy sources. I believe that it has become quite evident through numerous community polls that CSG is not welcome in many communities & that NSW does not wish to suffer negative consequences as seen down the path of QLD. Given such public community opposition I therefore believe that the CSG does not have the trust of communities & does not have any social licence to operate.

Further negative social consequences have been evident with the impact of industry outsiders, "Fly in Fly Outs" employed along with some communities additionally losing next generation farmers to mining, thus again altering social fabrics & networks, including demands on accommodation, displacement of locals, drains in wider infrastructure including health services.