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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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I live in an area that i feel will be adversely affected by the proposed coal seam gas mining projects.

I am concerned for both land holders who will be directly affected by pipes or wells, and also for the environmental impact the proposed mines will cause on our fragile bushland. Therefore i call for there to 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.

Also land holders need to have the right to refuse gas companys entry to there property. i'm not very good with words so i have used this version that i think sums up exactly my concerns 2.Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

3.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.

4.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.

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

6.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.

Hopfully Australia can still call themselves the clever country after this is all done with.