

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Parliament House
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Dear Director

Subject: Submission to General Purpose Standing
Coal Seam Gas

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to General Purpose Standing
Committee No. 5 Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas.

My brief submission is in opposition to the rapid development of the CSG industry in NSW
My concerns are predominately relevant to local government area of Lake Macquarie & are based
on

Environmental and health impacts

Effect on ground and surface water systems, including specific concerns regarding our already
modified water systems caused by mining operations and the capability & resilience of our unique
systems to endure any additional negative impacts.

Such negative impacts affecting our ecology in water dependant ecosystems and failed monitoring
focused on the aquatic & marine biodiversity impacts, have been identified within the CSG industry
and such failed or absent rehabilitation has is not acceptable to myself or my community..

Lake Macquarie is already a tourism destination & i believe that the additional presence of such a
unpopularly perceived industry will negatively impact this important tourism industry.

The introduction of CSG in NSW generally has caused much conflict & division in communities and
social fabrics have been destroyed. I do not support the industry given such absent social licences.

Regulatory framework for the industry has not been developed .

A 'suck & see' policy is not acceptable .A comprehensive full life cycle study has not yet occurred for
CSG in Australia & the precautionary principle must be adopted.

I am deeply concerned and against the current unfair system of imposition placed on community
members who must endure costly legal engagement if they wish to object to this invasive industry.

I am opposed due to the mental & emotional anguish this industry has imposed on my fellow
Australians and additionally oppose CSG based on its impact & destruction of peopleslivelihoods, real
estate land values and quality of life.

Yours Sincerely