

## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I call for independent, scientific assessment of the environmental effects of Coal Seam Gas exploration and extraction. Especially in relation to the long term and short term effects on ground and surface water systems, including in areas outside the immediate extraction sights.

I feel independent, scientific assessment is also required of remediation practices, in particular, the effectiveness of returning, land and water resources to original, usable condition and the time frame required for doing so.

Whilst I understand that the need for energy resources is addressed in the NSW Petroleum (Onshore) Act, I am very concerned about unknown, environmental risks to areas of farming and drinking water catchments. I believe that the protection of productive agricultural land is paramount and deserves consideration in relation the effects of CSG extraction.