

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5
Parliament House
Macquarie St
Sydney NSW 2000

Subject: Call For NSW Inquiry Into CSG

Hi, I am writing to you in relation to the negative impact COAL SEAM GAS MINING has on our land, water supply, and environment, and I ask you to make a full inquiry into the Coal Seam Gas Mining procedures.

In a fragile time when the environment is of most concern to anybody with a hint of awareness for our planet I find it unbelievable that the government has allowed big corporations to steam roll their way into private property and pumped toxic chemicals into the ground to extract natural gas that gets shipped straight overseas.

The long term impact on our water supply, and of most importance, The Great Artesian Basin, from the COAL SEAM GAS MINING process is shocking to say the least.

Water is our lifeline, without it we are doomed, and not to forget our food produce relies on fresh clean water to grow it!

I ask you to:

PLEASE demand a full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

PLEASE demand the establishment of a Royal Commission, with appropriate terms of reference, to fully and independently investigate the impacts of the industry and the processes used on agriculture and other industries, on community and individual health, on environmental values including the health of our water systems, both surface and underground.

PLEASE demand coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

PLEASE demand 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.

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

PLEASE demand 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.

PLEASE demand that the community have the final say on whether this industry is to be allowed to operate in NSW.

Thanks for your time,