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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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There seems to be a lack of focus on the education of investors and communities into the difference of how CSG mining has been carried out in the past and the more recent use of "fracking" technologies for the greater extraction of gas from within the coal seams. I have personally noted this across various discussions within media debates.

My concerns lie within this "fracking" process where known carcinogens and highly toxic chemicals are used to extract the gas.

How, at any point, can any resource become more precious than water. Water is the source of all life, without it we are dead!

This is genocide.

To allow this form of exploration and production to take place is completely insane and unacceptable. It is not a matter of impact assessments and "how to's" if in the case of contamination.

Any contamination is unacceptable!

This is a direct threat to the security of humanity, water & food quality and supply.

In my opinion the whole technology should be discarded until further development of safe technologies that do not harbor even the slightest possibility of toxic contamination and destruction of precious water systems.

one SERIOUS flaw in the global economic model = there cannot be growth without decay and this economic model only focuses on growth growth growth..... the bubble will burst and the very complex greed of humanity will make it so.

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