

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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To the Director,

As the mother of 2 young children I am requesting that a FULL moratorium on ALL forms of coal seam gas (CSG) drilling be undertaken AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to assess environmental, social and health affects of this controversial proposal.

It is extraordinary that CSG is not subject to all environmental legislation including native vegetation and water management laws, as it stands now any community on or near a potential CSG source does not have legal rights to challenge or enforce environmental laws under which CSG companies operate this is absolutely outrageous, one rule for them another for us, totally unacceptable!

There SHOULD BE a provision of right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to REFUSE consent for CSG exploration or production on their land.

It is a well known fact that CSG is NOT required to meet the future energy needs of NSW, most gas is extracted for export!

Finally, I feel furious that greed alone will allow rapid expansion of the CSG industry even despite the very obvious environmental AND economic impacts which will affect my children more than me. Let me remind you of the following impacts;

Food security (because of the risks to groundwater and loss of arable land), reduction of economic diversity which will lead to a skills shortage in other rural industries and the likelihood of impacting on a whole range of other industries such as organic farming, tourism, vineyards, and orchards.

I ask you from a basic level, what is the point of having energy when we will have nothing to use it for like cooking, eating etc. We cant eat or drink money!