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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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1. That a moratorium on coal seam gas exploration and extraction be put in place until all environmental, social and health aspects have been properly addressed.
2. Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all environmental legislation.
3. 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.
4. A prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas, and public lands.
5. A requirement that all chemicals used in the process be transparent and be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved for use.
6. An effort be made to have the industry controlled under the same legislation nationally.
7. Legislation of heavy fines and or loss of licence for non-compliance of any future regulation