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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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Coal Seam Gas is a non-renewable fossil fuel and its extraction contributes to global warming. The development of gas fields for the purpose of exporting liquefied gas to overseas markets is not only irresponsible because of its destructive effect on Australia's agriculture, aquifers and ecology at large, it defeats the purpose of combatting climate change. When zero carbon solutions like the proposed Zero Carbon Australia Stationary Energy Plan are available and feasible, these solutions should be seriously investigated and acted upon instead of treading the dangerous path of gas mining which will harm the Australian people. The members of parliament have the obligation to look after the longterm welfare of their constituents, not after the interest of shareholders of overseas corporations which pursue only their short term financial interests.