

**Submission
No 656**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The expansion of CSG and coal mining is so uncontrolled as to cause alarm to all Australians. There has been no consideration of the impact of engineering on this scale on landholders and communities. Please declare a moratorium on all these developments, particularly for companies where due diligence has not been pursued in checking their histories and credentials, that would be most! Please ensure that environmental protection over water and vegetation in all areas is mandatory. There must be a legal right to challenge takeover of freehold and crown land. Under the Petroleum (onshore) Act there must be a right of refusal. Protection of bush and farmland is vital. The chemicals used in fracking and drilling need proper oversight and approval. The mining companies can see nothing but profit, and governments are fixated on the fat cheques they are offered for permits; the "management" of this "industry" is a scandal and a disgrace; the destruction is on so many levels that the whole thing needs a halt for a re-think. We depend on the Standing Committee to see that our interests are appropriately valued. Thank you.