

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Until the coal seam gas industry can be proven to:

1. not contaminate Australia's precious water aquifers and reserves
2. not destroy Australia's precious agricultural land
3. not destroy the livelihood of our diminishing numbers of farm owners and
4. not destroy the environment

it has no place in this country. It is a marauder, sheltered by inequitable laws which appear to give it unrestricted access, and it is in the game for short term profit with little or no regard to the future of economic stability and food security in this country.