

**Submission
No 620**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Water is life. We live on a very dry continent. We must protect our water.

- I request that there be a full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.
- CSG exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.
- I suggest there should be provision of standing to ensure that the community has full legal rights to challenge and enforce environmental laws under which CSG companies are operating.
- I suggest there should be a provision of a right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for CSG exploration or production on their land.
- I demand a prohibition on CSG exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, all residential areas including rural residential areas and public lands.
- I demand the requirement that all chemicals used in CSG drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved.
- We can mine csg safely. Lets independently and scientifically determine how this can be done, and then, and only then, proceed to mine for csg.