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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Coal Seam Gas Mining in the Manning Valley.

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We wish to register our very serious legitimate concerns regarding the already demonstrative consequences of this technology.

There is an abundant body of evidence both in Australia and abroad of damage to landholders' properties and underground aquifers from both the exploration and exploitation phases.

While spokesmen for the companies decry the gravity of the probable consequences to the viability of food production on affected properties, the question of personal responsibility is ignored.

If companies were legally bound to make good all damage and Company Directors and shareholders were jointly and severally responsible to make good all damages, the situation would be radically different.

In the past miners have walked away from massive disruptions to the areas affected by their operations and people so affected have been left holding the can. If and when these operations go ahead, at the very least there should be very tight definitions of the legal responsibilities of the Companies/CEO's/Directors and Shareholders.

Thanking you

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