

**Submission
No 740**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I live and farm in the Gloucester area of NSW and as such am a neighbour of the Manning Valley. !/we are also concerned about the exploration being carried out in our farms, and at the arrogant way government has given access to exploration companies without consultation or consideration of the need to protect food production. We all know that arable land/food production is one of the great concerns in the future and when we read about and see the catastrophic results that have occurred overseas, some plan must be developed that ensures there is sufficient arable land for food production, now and for future population projections. Gas exploration should be moved to areas where food production is not at risk. There are many known other areas that fit this criteria within Australia.

I have seen Manning Alliance's submission, totally agree with it, and attach it below. I should therefore be grateful if you will record me as a seconder/supporter of their submission.

Thank you