

**Submission
No 413**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Sir/Madam

As a late submission we shall make my point very short. we do not want any gas exploration or extraction within my new home of the Highlands!!

1. I, Carol Carter, grew up within the Victorian Latrobe Valley where brown coal has been extracted for decades
2. I breathed the air from local power stations in my younger years and did not have the benefit of the clean air you breathed at your home
3. My parents' house and other homes in the region have subsided due to the extraction of coal from the Morwell and Yallourn open cuts, and continue to do so resulting in costly repairs to cracks in our double brick house.
4. Coal extraction AFFECTS the water levels in the environment and which is never replaced to its original natural levels – irrespective of what authorities state.
5. Coal extraction also pollutes the air with coal dust which is experienced within a 20 km radius.
6. The Highlands is a natural and beautiful area of NSW – extract coal from your own backyard and leave ordinary citizens outside your electorate in peace.

Finally, as we have recently moved to the Highlands having lived in Melbourne and Sydney since 1978, I have not chosen my retirement home only to be surrounded by coal dust in my home and experience subsidence of my land.

WE OBJECT to coal seam extraction on any account.

Yours faithfully

Carol and Martin Carter