

**Submission
No 595**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Director of the General Purpose
Standing Committee No. 5.

I AM writing to express my extremely high
concerns of the environmentally destructive,
toxic, coal seam gas mining.

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This issue is so large-scale that the veins
of Australia, the inter-connecting rivers, are at high
risk of chemical contamination.

It means extensive land clearing and fragmentation
of native bushland habitat of many threatened
species. - even protected areas and public lands are
not safe, as CSG mining can occur in areas bordering
National Parks, and is permitted in State Conservation
Areas and State Forests. (e.g. Pilliga CSG will clear
at least 2,400 hectares and fragment 85,000 hectares
of public lands, including State Forests State Conservation
Areas, e.g. in the north-east, a pipeline is proposed through
the world Heritage-listed Border Ranges National Park)

therefore, I ask for:

* A full moratorium on all forms of coal
seam gas drilling until the environmental,
social, and health impacts have been
rigorously and independently assessed.

- Lets feel compassion in our hearts for nature.
 - There is no economy without the environment, as the tools
of production upon which society is based are sourced from
the environment. Thus, there is no society without the
environment. The food we eat, the clothes we wear, this very
piece of paper, is all sourced from nature.
So I believe in being grateful, compassionate to nature.
I hope, & sincerely hope, that you do too.
- Sincerely,
Anandan Mewen Restock

Dear Director.

Coal seam gas mining is a very, very, critically important environmental issue.

It is extremely environmentally destructive.

Thenceforth, I ask:

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(I sincerely ask for...)

1. A full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social, and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.
2. Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.
3. The provision of standing to ensure that the community has full legal rights to challenge and enforce environmental laws under which coal seam gas companies are operating.
4. The provision of a right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for coal seam gas exploration or production on their land.
5. A prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public lands.
6. A requirement that all chemicals used in coal seam gas drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved for use.

Sincerely,