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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Coal Seam Gas Mining

To Whom It May Concern

If we let people go ahead with Coal Seam Gas Mining it is going to be a total disaster for Australia and the world. In order to prevent catastrophic, unstoppable climate change we stop it NOW. These are the reasons:-

1. CO2 EMISSIONS

Burning Coal seam gas i.e. Methane emits 60% less than coal which sounds good, BUT it is still TOO MUCH. The atmosphere is far too full of carbon dioxide right now and we have to stop emissions totally.

2. Life of CSG mines

These mines if allowed to go ahead will go on probably for another 20 years at least. The atmosphere cannot afford to take this. All for the sake of making some people rich. It is completely not in the interest of the general population.

3. EFFECT ON FARMING

- a. "FRACKING" uses up our water in the aquifers and puts about 22 chemicals into the system. Only 2 of which have been tested for safety. It will take 100's or 1000's of years to recover the water for growing crops.
- b. It flattens large amounts of land to make roads making it unusable for agriculture.
- c. We will lose our farms and food security.

It is completely unnecessary to use this gas to produce energy. There are many other clean methods of producing energy, especially in this country.

I know it is a very strong push by these avaricious, near-sighted, selfish people. BUT we must not do any of this mining anywhere here or in the rest of the world. Please stop it now.

Yours sincerely,

Felicity Davis.