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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned about the coal seam mining that is threatening to take place in the Southern Highlands. Having for some years fought the draining of the Aquifer to supply Sydney water, I am acutely aware of the threat to our underground water supply if this mining takes place.

For twenty five years I have lived in the Kangaloon area appreciating it's great beauty and fertility. We have run a small horse stud during this time and since the day I moved into the area I seem to have been fighting the Government on several fronts. The SRA's rape of the most beautiful country in the Nation by erecting microwave signal towers throughout the district. Then there was Sydney Catchment Authority's threat to raid the aquifers and next fight being against the Government plan to build a 500 bed prison in Robertson.

Whilst these assaults to the area have either been quashed or are in abeyance, it seems this glorious fertile farming and tourist destination is under threat on a more massive scale. When will it end and where, one asks.

There will certainly be no turning back or making good the damage once the mining goes ahead. We should be caring for this precious land we have been granted the use of in our time, not desecrating it!!

Sincerely and compassionately yours,

Victoria Ross