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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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To all Committee Members:

It is crucial that the New South Wales State Government grabs the opportunity to ensure that all environmental and human concerns around Coal Seam Gas Mining are fully addressed **PRIOR** to allowing any more exploratory work, the drilling of any more shafts, and the extraction of any coal seam gas.

The American documentary film: “Gasland” should be compulsory viewing for all members of the Inquiry Committee, and all members of both houses of the New South Wales Parliament. The film reveals, in graphic detail, many of the health and environmental hazards visited upon the people and areas where shale gas mining has taken place in the United States. There will be no excuse if New South Wales sets forth on a course that will only repeat the mistakes of other states of Australia and other countries around the world.

There is NO evidence that:

CSG mining does **not** contaminate water

Hydraulic fracturing is **not** a dangerous and unsuitable technology

CSG mining does **not** release more methane gas than coal mining

CSG infrastructure does **not** have a large and damaging foot-print on the environment

If the New South Wales government does NOT impose a moratorium of at least 12 months on all Coal Seam Gas exploration, licensing and mining whilst all aspects of CSG mining are fully assessed, then New South Wales could be doomed to a future of environmental destruction from which it may never recover.

The people, the farmland and the environment of this State **MUST** be protected. This is a very serious matter, with very serious consequences for the people of this state. Committee Members, and all members of Parliament, please do not shirk your responsibility to your people and your state.

From: Kate Foot