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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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# Submission to the NSW Legislative Council Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas Mining

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We offer the attached song as light relief from your arduous duties, but also as a vehicle for our researched, considered and strongly-held view that the gas industry is trying to dress up a really bad deal (for everyone who isn't a mining company) with some very slick marketing. We wrote the song to strip away the marketing and show what they're *really* trying to sell us. Lyrics overleaf.

## Coal Seam Gas

I'm the man from the frackers, hold on to your tractors  
Have I got a deal for you  
Just sign on the line and I'll give you a mine  
And some pocket money too

But wait there's more once I've a foot in the door  
I can renovate much of your land  
Build roads just for me and clear all those trees  
Did you plant them? Oh that's too bad

Coal seam gas increase my assets  
If you trust my lies and just comply  
Coal seam gas increase my assets  
Oh let me frack for coal seam gas

You better sign quick coz I'll give you a tip  
There's some whackos and luddites could stop us  
They make this big drama about Gasland and Tara  
But they're clearly quite honestly bonkers

Coz there's nothing to fear we're all good people here  
There's no need for any resisting  
Coal seam gas, it's greener than grass  
Haven't you heard us insisting?

Coal seam gas increase my assets  
If you trust my lies and just comply  
Coal seam gas increase my assets  
Oh let me frack for coal seam gas

Groundwater shmoundwater who cares about that?  
I really can't see what's the fuss  
If your water goes rank just buy it in tanks  
Perhaps you can buy it from us

Polluting clean air, again, who cares?  
No one owns it so no one can lose it  
And if you fall ill it's not coz we drill  
At least not until you can prove it

Coal seam gas increase my assets  
If you trust my lies and just comply  
Coal seam gas increase my assets  
Oh let me frack for coal seam gas

So if you get a letter from a mining company  
That asks if they can do some exploratory drilling  
And promises to pay you a large amount of cash  
Please watch the movie Gasland before you let them in!

Coal seam gas shove it up their assets  
Take your power back, don't let them frack  
Coal seam gas shove it up their assets  
Don't let them frack for coal seam gas