

**Submission  
No 808**

## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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Dear Sir

I would like to register my concerns about coal seam gas mining due to the mounting evidence of both health and environmental concerns and the rights of both communities and landholders. There needs to be a prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public lands.

Many concerns have been raised in regard to the health of our natural environment including waterways and aquifers and the impacts on human and native wildlife. It is paramount 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.

Coal seam gas exploration and mining must be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

It is imperative we look after our natural environment and not put the profits of this seriously under investigated industry before it. Therefore I call on a full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment

Ros Woodward