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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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## **Dear Members**

Since first hearing about the intention for coal seam gas mining above the Illawarra Escarpment, I have spent some time researching the issues. I am a trained scientist and am extremely dismayed by the risk which is being taken with our pristine land, water, biodiverse species and vegetation in these pristine water catchment areas.

We need to stop all activity until the risks are properly assessed. I can see no evidence in the literature that this has been done. Yes, there are some reports by Parsons Brinckerhoff and other consultants, but these have been commissioned by the exploration companies. They may or may not be accurate.

We need independent research before any CSG mining goes ahead in NSW.

Please watch the video at the link below, with the concerns of the citizens of Queensland who are already impacted.

https://www.getup.org.au/campaigns/coal-seam-gas/csg-ad/dont-risk-coal-seam-gas?t=dXNlcmlkPTc4Mzk4MCxlbWFpbGlkPTM1MA%3D%3D

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