

**Submission  
No 592**

## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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Dear Committee Secretary

I seek leave to appear before the committee into Coal Seam Gas (CSG).

I seek leave to request the committee to inspect the area under CSG exploration relating to Consolidated Coal Lease (CCL) 703 and Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 442 and 444.

The areas located at Helensburgh and Darkes Forest, near southern Sydney and northern Illawarra.

My concern is past mining and current long wall mining has and will create subsidence. The introduction of CSG mining would allow the supply water to the Woronora Dam to become contaminated.

In support of my request to appear before the Standing Committee, I list below two positive actions designed to protect the community. This type of work indicates my commitment to opposing CSG in any form until safe methods of extraction are available.

I have lodged with NSW Department of Planning an objection to the Environmental Assessment (EA) showing distinct errors in the EA with expert professional independent test results.

I have also applied to the NSW Department of Primary Industries to obtain the PEL over the areas CCL 703, PEL 442 and 444 for the benefit of the community.

These applications may be sighted at my website [www.gregpetty.com.au/csg](http://www.gregpetty.com.au/csg)

I look forward to appearing before the committee and hosting an inspection of our area.

Kindest regards

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