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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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## **SUBMISSION AGAINST COAL SEAM GAS**

I currently live at Sutton Forest in the Southern Highlands and I have been here for ten years. I am currently living in a temporary dwelling while I am building the family home on five hundred acres. I breed one hundred angus cows and will soon grow to two hundred and fifty breeders. There are three bores on my property, one of which I intend to irrigate and place three hundred acres under pasture.

I was devastated when I found out that a foreign company has an exploration license on one hundred and twenty square km, with a number of proposed exploration holes on my property.

**How can this government allow coal seam gas and coal mining in such highly productive land, and why isn't the government protecting our water aquifers from highly toxic chemicals that are being used.**

How is it possible that someone can purchase a property and use their life savings to create a future for their family and grandchildren, and then someone can come on that property to rape it, destroy it, and there is nothing that anyone can do about it? Who was the fool that sat in their ivory tower and came up with this idea? **How is it that the land owner has no rights!!**

I wonder if the current premier or one of the ministers would allow coal seam gas or coal mining on their land which they had purchased for their future generations to use. Who would purchase land that had a coal mining lease on it ?

**Under NO circumstances should there be any gas extraction or coal mining allowed on primary production land. I can only hope that common sense will prevail and that the government will listen to the people, and prohibit coal seam gas extraction and coal mining in the Southern Highlands.**