

## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to General Purpose Standing Committee Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas.

I wish to this supplementary submission accepted as part of my further opposition to the rapid development of the CSG industry in NSW

My opposition includes the absence of the precautionary principle being undertaken to date. Specifically that no long term whole of life scientific study has been undertaken in Australia.

I am opposed on the grounds that it is unscientific and misleading to infer that CSG is a renewable and suitable transitional fuel, given that it is a finite resource & heavy emitter of Co2 therefore CSG is not suitable in the context of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

I object to CSG in NSW on the grounds of environmental health & safety impacts, on our biodiversity, ground water, aquifers. Chemicals radiation and salinity being brought to the surface and particularly effecint our underground and surface water systems is absolutely unacceptable. The great artesian basin for eg should in no way be interferred with, particularly for the relative short term financial gains of foriegn owned CSG industry tycoons.

Such negative impacts affecting our ecology in such a water dependant eco system is notain my view an acceptable risk that the public are willing to support. Incidents of failed monitoring and maintenance have already been the focus of many publicly aired concerns.

Negative impacts on the aquatic & marine biodiversity, have been identified within the CSG industry and such failed or absent rehabilitation is not acceptable to myself nor I believe to my community..

CSG is not compatible with agriculture, aquaculture or tourism & I believe that the additional presence of such a unpopularly perceived industry is socially unacceptable. The community do not have faith that regulators have a grasp of the risks to environments, flora & fauna nor human health. Therefore it is my strong opinion that CSG cannot be supported due to its failure to obtain a social licence from many communities within the state. In fact opposition across the state has seen communities & individuals resorting to "Locking their Gates" surely this is a clear indication of social distrust & growing absence of social support for this industry.

The threat of the introduction of CSG in QLD already has caused much conflict & division in communities with generations of social fabrics having been destroyed. Given this socially documented experience & evidence I do not believe CSG has the support of the people of NSW and therefore fails in many cases to justify having a social licence granted.

Regulatory framework for the industry has not been developed .

A 'suck & see' policy is not an acceptable approach .A comprehensive full life cycle study has not yet occurred for CSG in Australia & the precautionary principle must be adopted.

I am deeply disturbed by and firmly against the current unfair system of imposition placed on community members who must endure costly legal engagement if they wish to object to this invasive industry on their properties & neighbourhood.

I am opposed to CSG due to the mental & emotional anguish this industry has imposed on my fellow Australians as documented further by Doctors for the Environment. I additionally oppose CSG based on its impact & destruction of peoples livelihoods, real estate, land values and quality of life.

Kind Regards