

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am against the introduction of this venture into the Southern Highlands region for the following reasons:

1. First & foremost the potential damage and or pollution of ground water and surface water (i.e. aquifers, rivers and dams) and also the issues related to the extraction and disposal of very large volumes of contaminated water from the coal seam. This area is also part of Sydney's water catchment so where is the clean, fresh water going to come from to feed a city that size? In a country where drought is commonplace I can't believe we are taking risks with our water supply.
2. Protection of our productive agricultural land - the fact that this area's heritage includes prime grazing and agricultural output does not seem to be given any consideration whatsoever. Between the coal seam mining proposals throughout Queensland & NSW, where on earth does the government think we will be getting our food from....South America?????
3. The surface impact from Coal Seam Gas infrastructure includes things like processing facilities, pipelines, compressor stations, & water management facilities - in a region so dependent on tourism how attractive does the government think this will be to tourists??