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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Dear Committee

I have seen and read about what has happened in the United States with unchecked Coal Seam Gas extraction. It is a wasteful form of energy extraction that not only despoils the visual environment, but also exposed people and the environment in the vicinity to carcinogenic gases and contaminated water. Once contaminated, there is nothing to suggest that water supplies can ever be restored to their original condition because, of the toxic brew of additives used in the extraction process, many do not break down, ever.

In a country as dry as Australia, I am astonished that this proposal is even being considered. When you think for even a moment of the risks involved, no company's reassurances can ever be enough, and no company can fund any attempt at restitution across eons that would be involved.

Yours sincerely
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