

## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I express my grave concerns regarding the environmental impacts of the proposal of coal seam gas mining by Dart Energy at Fullerton Cove. My concerns exist for the damage this coal seam gas mining will cause to the aquifers so close to the water catchment areas for towns water, the damage to the aquifers causing mine subsidence in an area only metres from sea level, the potential for the wells to break down over time, and or leak causing damage and pollution to the water and air used by myself and my household. The impact and damage this will have on the environment in a designated RAMSAR area for migratory birds and other wetland species. My concerns are also for the impact of the noisy plant, fire hazardous pipes, air pollutions and emissions will have on my family in an area where we are reliant solely on tank and bore water. This Dart Energy Coal Seam Gas mining exploration will risk the health of myself and my family by exposure to untested mining processes in my neighbourhood.

I request the following:

1. A full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.
2. Coal seam gas exploration and mining to be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.
3. The provision of standing to ensure that the community has full legal rights to challenge and enforce environmental laws under which coal seam gas companies are operating.
4. The provision of a right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for coal seam gas exploration or production on their land.
5. A prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public lands.
6. A requirement that all chemicals used in coal seam gas drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved for use.

Thankyou for your anticipated efforts in this regard,