

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am a mother of 3 young children living in the Narrabri region. I grew up on a property in this area and am in disbelief with how people of the land are being subjected to major environmental and health risks all in the name greedy money driven politics.

FACT:

CSG companies see it ok to go onto someones land and basically set up shop giving no weight to the idea of PRIVATE PROPERTY

Carcinogenic chemicals were found at bore sites on the Queensland darling downs.

JP Morgan noted there are environmental concerns which need be addressed with a Moratorium.

OPINION:

It should not be allowed in this area. If it is allowed it has the potential to change the face of rural NSW. Farming families will not stay and we will loose the very essence of our culture. Who are these people too scared too to say no to those mining companies who offer too much money?

ARGUMENT:

There is no strong evidence to say there are no environmental impacts from CSG. Therefore we should stop all CSG activity until such time that evidence says otherwise.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

There must be a Moratorium

Coal Seam Gas if it does need to continue it should be taken up in very remote areas on Government Land.