

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Coal seam gas (Inquiry)
NSW Legislative Assembly

To the Committee,

It is my opinion, given the evidence I have seen and read that Coal Seam Gas exploration and extraction will seriously detriment the environment of our State and ultimately impact the food security in very negative manner.

Whilst I acknowledge that it is a cleaner energy source compared to Coal it is still a Fossil fuel that will contribute to the overall emissions budget of Australia.

It is clear to see that there is viable alternative energy generation systems such as wind power.

Wind power has the following advantages over Coal Seam Gas which I want considered in proportion:

- Wind energy production has a very small environmental footprint
- Is generally suited to land that is not prime agricultural as many Coal Seam Gas fields are
- the Wind Energy source is free
- NSW has a high electricity demand yet very little Wind Energy production

To that end I personally do not want to see any expansion of the Coal Seam Gas industry where Agriculture, the Environment or our Water supply is impacted in any way, yet I am in favour of Wind energy as an alternative.

Yours faithfully,

Neville Mattick.

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