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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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Submission to NSW Government Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas Exploration

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of NSW about the Coal Seam Gas projects. I want to go on the record as opposing these projects in areas where there is threat to humans or our food supply. The threat to farming, to the environment, to our health and the health of future generations should be the first priority when the government looks at the plans of huge multi-national organizations. History shows that these concerns are not necessarily those of the mining companies when they want to make money from our natural resources. The risks and past experiences should be transparently clear to the public in a way they can understand, so they can make their views count to the government.

The areas where Coal Seam Gas mining happens should not be near humans especially children to whom the long term effects may not even be known yet. Farming areas in particular need to be protected for growing food, and because of the impact on water and land of coal seam gas development, it is a risk to the future agricultural potential of these areas to allow Coal Seam Gas.

Please protect our state from future negative effects from Coal Seam Gas projects. We the citizens are counting on you to advise and protect us and our children from hazards like this.

Thank you for your time,

Yours Sincerely

RUTH COLVIN