

**Submission  
No 106**

## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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Dear Committee Members,

1. Far too much control/leverage given to Coal Seam Gas Developers/Miners.
2. Far too little regard given to water supply, air quality and noise issues especially when located in a Valley.
3. The Approval process for the Gas Fired Peaking Power Station proposed by ERM Power at Wellington involved deliberately deceptive conduct on the part of ERM. Neither Wellington residents or effected landowners were told by the proponents that this was in fact an application for an Intermediate or Base Load Station running all the time at the time of the original Approval.
4. The statements made by ERM power in their Submissions attached to the various Approvals regarding acquisition of effected property are not wholly true. An Option Deed is not an offer to purchase it is merely an intention to purchase at some later date.
5. The Just Terms Compensation Act does not apply even though the proponents successfully argued under Part 3A that the development was in the State's best interest overruling all Local Council conditions and in my case heritage protection.
6. The Approvals at Wellington were granted even though my property, Nanima failed the noise test.
7. There is no mechanism to force the proponents to make good their promises before work begins.
8. The decisions of the Planning Ministers were made after receiving substantial donations from the proponents, in this case ERM Power.
9. Despite media statements put out by ERM Power there has been no physical work on the site to date. 300 Jobs were promised to Wellington Council by 2011.
10. The proponents wrote their own Conditions of Approval - there was no Independent body to seek advice from or appeal to.