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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Re the future of gas exploration in Australia. Summary=submission.

Impacts and risks are vast, and now becoming well known from experience here and in other countries. Yet there is still huge drive to convert carbon to energy because of the monetary gain.

What I and many people I know, hope Government will do is to divert that drive, those jobs, that monetary gain opportunism, into:

the exploration and research needed for the multiple renewable energy possibilities in Australia, teaching and learning about the many successful projects overseas, designing adaptations and new ideas for Australian application, manufacturing items for these renewable energy industries, exporting the items and expertise, rearranging the job market to suit, benefiting from the improved health of workers and the preservation of our food and water stocks, exporting the energy from fields in the desert...
...the list will lengthen with time.

If all that drive is STILL directed to squeezing a dollar out of the earth at the expense of the earth and the people on it, in coming years, then we actually deserve to die, and quite quickly, from pollution, starvation, thirst, and poisoning.

The collateral deaths of Earth's flora and fauna are not their fault. Our deaths and suffering however, are our fault as a species. We should have known better. Change must be now, not later.

thankyou for the chance to submit.

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