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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Coal Seam Gas Another Big Error of Judgement

Dear Madam,

I wish to add my grave concerns about the extraction of coal seam gas, purportedly less carbon intensive than burning coal. These claims are made by the mining companies.

Many in our communities believe in scientific reports made by scientists who have nothing to gain from coal seam gas mining that csg extraction is in fact more carbon intensive when all factors such as leakage are taken into account.

On top of this are the chemicals leaching into surrounding lands, groundwater, waterways and into the air. Many areas where extraction has already taken place are showing dangerous signs of damage to the surrounding environment.

The extraction of coal seam gas is just another quick-fix which in the end causes almost as many problems as burning coal. little different from the introduction of the so-called 'green bags' which are themselves plastic bags which become plastic waste and could in fact be banned for the best outcome.

It is time for us to make a serious investment into truly renewable energy on a large scale, that is solar, wind and wave energy or serious non-polluting decrease in demand for energy.

Yours faithfully,

Keelah Lam