

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am concerned about Coal Seam Gas. I live in Coonabarabran close to the Pilliga Forest. I am worried about the environmental and health impacts of CSG activities-e.g. contamination of water and usage of large quantities of water from shallow aquifers for the drilling process. I'm also worried about the fire risk in such a dry forest. We've had serious bush fires through the Pilliga forest in the 10 years that I have lived here. I'm also worried about the emissions associated with CSG and leakages of methane. I'm most worried about the animals who have nowhere else to go because the Pilliga is surrounded by cleared land. Many of the animals are territorial and can't move. I have seen how cleared areas are unsuccessfully rehabilitated by mining companies, attracting weeds and feral animals. Also, there are many Aboriginal sites in the Pilliga which could be affected. It seems to me that Eastern Star Gas/Santos are being allowed to seriously damage our Pilliga Forest, water, air and animal habitat. Please do not allow this.