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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am most concerned that the full environmental, health, and social effects, (both in the short and long term) associated with coal seam gas exploration and exploitation have not been rigorously and independently examined. As a starting point to any discussion of coal seam gas exploration/ mining this omission must be remedied. I am also amazed that individual landholder's rights do not extend to allowing the refusal of consent for coal seam gas exploration and production on their properties. The Petroleum (Onshore) Act should be amended accordingly. Standing for individuals and the community to challenge and enforce all environmental laws that apply to coal seam gas operations.