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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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The environmental, social and health impacts are horrible in other countries where such practices have taken place and such should be subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws, however, if so this would never be agreed due to the vast and long lasting damage that is possible. Surely its not just the possibility that should stop such things but when we know the damage it will do to our land I do not see why we would consider such an act, especially when we have these resources available to us from other means.

The provision of standing to ensure that the community has full legal rights to challenge and enforce environmental laws under which coal seam gas companies are operating. Everyone should have the right to stop this on their land. How do I own a plot of land in England that no one is allowed to enter if i so please, but my land here can be drilled for gas without my prior approval. there should be the provision of a right in the Petroleum (Onshore) Act to allow landholders to refuse consent for coal seam gas exploration or production on their land.

We must protect ourselves and our land and the prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in all bushland, farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public lands.

A requirement that all chemicals used in coal seam gas drilling or fracking must be assessed by the chemical regulator for use for that purpose before being approved for use.

Without these small controls our countryside, wildlife, health and drinking water will all deteriorate very quickly a point, that has not been denied by the gas explorers. refer to the Gas lands VIDEO for possible results on what can happen !