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## INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I am very concerned about the amount of coal seam gas mining that is being allowed in NSW and Queensland and the lack of regulation of the industry.

The fracking process uses an enormous amount of water, having a deleterious impact on our rivers and aquifers. The fracking process also uses lots of toxic chemicals which poisons our water supplies and leaves large amounts of "processed" water to be disposed of.

Fracking also destroys our agricultural land, and in a world which is fast running out of arable land and with a growing population we need our land, and water, to provide food security for the future.

The health impacts of fracking on people living near by is also serious and needs to be taken account of.

France has banned fracking and the UK has suspended fracking. You should very carefully consider if the short term profits to be derived from fracking outweigh the long term costs to our land and our health. I do not think they do.