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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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The General Purpose Standing
Committee No. 5,
Legislative Council,
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Dear Chairman,

I wish to lodge my protest at the impending disasterous programme of CSG Mining not only in New South Wales but in particular my local region of the Manning Valley. The effect it will have on local land, water, animal habitat and the economy will be beyond measure. Whilst our Federal Government talks of Carbon Tax and Environmental issues on one hand, they are oblivious of the effect of methane gas being released into the atmosphere which negates any effort to reduce any other forms of carbon footprint.

The by-product of CSG mining is the waste water known to be carcinogenic after being drawn from local sources and used in the fracking process is then dumped onto the surrounding area or returned to the water system. Both forms of pollution may never be remedied despite the claims of the Gas Companies to "make good".

The effect on beef and dairy, food production and fishing industries will destroy the area wherever CSG may be mined. Tourism will also suffer – who wants to visit a wasteland. The city areas will also suffer, if the properties around the towns are destroyed, then the residents move away, then the towns/cities will also die.

What right do the Gas companies have to come in and tell the landowner what they will do with "his" property, despite the landowner's protest and deny him the right to legal representation in a Court of Law or Enquiry. I believe this to be bordering on dictatorship.

I implore you, do not give into the Gas companies and preserve what our forefathers fought and died for. An Australian's right to live, work and enjoy life in a free unpolluted country – not to be dominated by multi-national companies. We have Governments voted in by the people to work for the taxpayer, in fact they are Public Servants. Since when does the servant have the authority to sell your country out from underneath you.

Yours truly,

James A. Hull

Copies to: NSW State Premier, Julia Gillard, Prime Minister, Andrew Stoner MP for Oxley, Rob Oakeshott MP Federal Member for Lyne, Paul Hogan, Mayor Greater Taree City Council