

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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Please accept this as my submission regarding the Coal Seam Gas Industry

I believe that a full moratorium on all forms of coal seam gas drilling until the environmental, social and health impacts have been rigorously and independently assessed.

Coal seam gas exploration and mining should be made subject to all relevant environmental legislation, including the native vegetation and water management laws.

There should be a 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.

There should be a 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.

There should be a prohibition on coal seam gas exploration and mining in important bushland, valuable farmland, groundwater aquifers, residential areas and public lands.

There should be 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.

If there are any questions about the CSG industry and negative impacts to people health, water quality and food security then the process should not be allowed. I work for a solar power company and would like to see more subsidies given to this more environmentally source of energy.

Regards,