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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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Re: Coal Seam Gas exploration

We would like to call for an immediate moratorium on all Coal Seam Gas exploration by the NSW Government until the following concerns are investigated by an independent agency

- Depletion and contamination of ground water supplies from coal seam gas extraction methods.
- Contamination of surface waters with the large volumes of toxic/saline water extracted from coal seam gas during gas production.
- Impact on native vegetation and wildlife
- Loss of food producing agricultural land due to gas production infrastructure.
- Industrialisation of rural landscapes with heavy machinery traffic, access roads and pipelines.
- Risks to human health, livestock and wildlife from toxic gases vented from gas wells and compressor stations, constant high level noise, and chemical contamination of water.

We have viewed the American documentary “Gasland” and the ABC Four Corners documentary on the Queensland gasfields and we don’t want to see our district end up as industrial wasteland.

Yours truly,

Peter van Nimwegen