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I am astounded by the lack of knowledge, insight, education, intelligence and interest in coal seam gas mining demonstrated by the state and federal governments and the responsible politicians until this late stage. It has taken considerable action and financial investment by the general public to force an awakening of the people who are supposed to look after public interests, not the interests of unethical vested interests.

Its all over the internet, along with associated data, but how many politicians or Inquiry participants have seen Gasland, the movie ?

How many have been to public meetings and workshops on the problems and issues of CSG ?

If this CGS 'technology' is not banned then I can see the CSG mining company CEOs being arrested and charged as terrorists causing death or health abuse, sabotage of water supply and the environment, pollution of local atmosphere. That affects residents near the mines, causing toxic air pollution, potential explosions and fire risks from escaping gas. There will also be a threat to food production, as if there were not already more than enough problems with food security and quality without CSG extraction.

I can also see individual and class actions against the government or responsible politicians for not listening to advice or scientific reports and thus causing OH&S problems that result in compensation claims. Other claims will result from the shutting-down of farms, farmland access and usability issues, income loss, the evacuation of homes, the lost of real estate values, etc, etc.

I hope the government, politicians, authorities and advisors have substantial public liability insurance because I can see individuals and communities making substantial claims once the

**effects of coal seam gas extraction
and fracking take effect.**

I look forward to hearing or seeing the Inquiry results and recommendations.

Roger Marchant.