

**Submission
No 638**

INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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We own a property, which has an area of about 40ha. and on which we have established a commercial vineyard.

The property also comprises our personal residence and a cellar door operation from which we sell the wine made from our grapes.

We have a bore which accesses ground water which we use to irrigate the vineyard and we also have one large dam from which we also irrigate together with two small dams.

The Government alleges that it has a reservation of minerals which claim is not admitted. If the Government gives consent for anyone to carry out mining for Coal Seam Gas or coal itself and as a result of those operations our property is in anyway whatsoever damaged either directly or indirectly, then we will hold the Government vicariously liable to indemnify us for damages we suffer.

Our short concerns are as follows:-

1. Potential damage and/or pollution of ground water and surface water.
2. Environmental damage to our land and surrounding bushland.
3. Reduction in the value of our land.
4. The risk to health resulting from chemicals used in coal seam gas drilling or fracking.
5. Pollution of water flowing to Warragamba Dam.
6. Possible damage to the surface of our land.