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## **INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS**

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The Director

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5

Parliament House

Macquarie St

SYDNEY 2000

Dear Sir,

As a landowners and beef producers in the Manning Valley , we urge you to do everything in your power to prevent Coal Seam Gas exploration and extraction in coastal New South Wales.

We have very reliable, pollution-free and pristine waterways, and our underground aquifers and surface water supplies are at great risk of irreversible damage and environmental disaster if CSG exploration/extraction is allowed. There will also be little benefit for average Australians, as most profits will invariably end up with big corporations (many with significant off-shore ownership).

The so-called "environmental friendliness" of CSG extraction is overstated by the companies involved, and it is unbelievable that our Governments would allow the process of "fracking" in coastal areas (or any area for that matter), when we have no idea of the potential for permanent damage and pollution to our water supplies.

Coastal areas must also be classed as productive farm land, even though most holdings are relatively small compared to large scale cropping areas. Figures from the 2009/10 Livestock Health & Pest Authorities Annual Report, show that the MidCoast LHPA district has more beef cattle and more dairy cattle than any other LHPA district in NSW. It also has the highest number of "holdings" of any LHPA district, and all these people vote.

It is also essential that our leaders seriously consider the long term food security of this country, and this means in part that the "precautionary principle" must be enforced in relation to the CSG industry, and its potential to cause irreparable damage to our environment

Yours Faithfully,

 A.J. & J.L. Glassop

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