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**INQUIRY INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE NSW CHIEF
SCIENTIST'S INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF COAL SEAM
GAS ACTIVITIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Drilling for CSG on the most critical recharge zone on the Great Artesian Basin jeopardises our water security. The chief scientist Mary O’Kane identifies 42 recommendations of which 16 are still not implemented. Until all the chief scientist’s recommendations are implemented the project should not go ahead.

Despite all the spin, to jeopardise Australia’s only secure water supply in the quest for a short term energy source is untenable especially given that Santos own EIS states they will produce 37 million litres of toxic water and 430,500 tonnes of toxic salt with no disposal plants is reason enough. On top of this the fact that at \$7.40 cost at the well head makes it the dearest in the world highlights the fact it will not reduce energy prices