

**Submission
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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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I refer to Recommendation 5 that the government designate those areas of the state in which CSG activity is permitted.

I submit that expert advice be sought regarding any exploration or production CSG field to exclude the fracturing of coal seams that lie in the recharge area of the Great Artesian Basin and in the areas of water supply to the large populations on the east coast.

We are experiencing records low inflows to our supply of surface and underground water during this unprecedented drought across NSW. Communities can see when surface water dries up and when bores run dry, but we depend on water experts and the NSW Government departments to ensure the recharge areas are protected from interference by CSG activities beneath the surface.. CSG activity should not be permitted in the recharge area of the GAB.