

To: Committee, EC (SEN)
Inquiry into the EPBC Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

Dear Sir

I write to support the inclusion of the 'water trigger' in the EPBC Act. I live in the Hunter Valley and am a retired geologist. It is essential TNT the Commonwealth maintain Federal oversight of the states mining approvals, especially as they may affect our drinking water catchment areas. The Gloucester Valley provides drinking water to over 75,000 residents and feeds into the Karuah and the fish and oyster-rich Nelson Bay. The geology of the Manning Valley is complex and interconnected and to approve a coal seam gas and major mining projects where the Avon and Karuah River flow is frankly outrageous. Not only should the water trigger be included, but the Federal Environment Minister must review his Gloucester AGL approval.

Kind regards
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