

Thursday, 4th of April, 2013

Dear Committee,

I have grave concerns about the practice of Coal Seam Gas extraction, in particular, the practice known as Fracking, not only for its inherent use of great amounts of water which would otherwise be used as clean drinking water, or in irrigation, but also both the recovery of water used, which so far has been demonstrated to be impractical, if not impossible, & most urgently, the process itself being a highly likely cause of contamination of aquifers which are clearly unresearched in the way of their inter-connectedness.

I also consider the lack of a suitable time frame to examine such concerns as 'indecent haste' and would urge that much more research is done & the results made public for me to be adequately informed about future decisions made on my behalf.

All of the processes in train speak to me of a desire for short term gain in profit for a potential of great harm to our continued safe consumption of a precious resource, our water.

I urge the panel to re-consider approvals currently in place, especially those that co-exist with water-catchment areas & a full & thorough investigation into the very process itself – Fracking, & the chemicals used. All indications are that those chemicals deemed 'safe' by the C.S.G. industry are in fact poisonous in the extreme & should never be allowed to co-mingle with drinking water resources.

Respectfully yours, Peter M. Moloney.