

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

I wish to call your attention to the ongoing issues with the proposed approvals of the unconventional mining of Coal Seam Gas.

I understand that the Australian Senate is being asked to review laws in regard to this industry and the protection of water in Australia. I would like to request the Senate pass and process these laws protecting our water in Australia, both ground water, aquifers and rivers that supply natural water to all areas of agriculture and food production throughout the land. It is essential to pass these laws prior to the election to show all of Australia that these laws are above any political party or agenda.

As I live in a primary production and rural area in the Northern Rivers of NSW, I feel it is necessary to remind the Senate of the importance of fresh water for our food and cattle production in our region. CSG is a direct threat to ground water and aquifers that give an abundant supply of CLEAN water to local farms, orchards and a thriving Beef industry.

I wish to remind the current Senate of the incredible importance & need to keep control of these laws at a Federal level as it is now fully exposed that the State Governments have failed to protect key areas of agriculture and aboriginal significance safe to date. Please apply laws to protect all areas of significance protected from this proven unsafe Coal Seam Gas.

Experiences of Farmers and Families in TARA, QLD are classic examples of just why this industry should be stopped and the people of Australia be protected from serious harm or financial ruin from CSG.

Please address this submission with your strong consideration.

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