

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to strongly encourage the changes to the legislation regarding Coal Seam Gas mining be brought to the Senate PRIOR to the election. I think it vital that changes are enacted into law before a possible Conservative Government is elected.

Secondly, I strongly believe these powers should remain in Federal jurisdiction and oversight. I have been appalled by the cavalier actions of State Governments and the Mining Industry regarding a lack of the Precautionary Principle in their actions. The rush and carte blanche handed to the industry has resulted in leaking methane in waterways such as the Condamine river and elsewhere never seen before by older farmers. I fear contamination of both ground water & the aquifers, as claimed was inevitable by the previous head of APPEA. I fear the dropping of water levels as now been proven to be the case. I fear the evaporation ponds which contain Radon and other hazardous and radioactive materials plus salt in enormous quantities.

I wonder about the 2 kilometer ban from fracking. I am sure the water courses that will be breached and the casing wells that fail eventually will NOT keep within the Government's guidelines and 2 kilometer ban. It is nonsensical. Likewise the 2 kilometre ban around vineyards and horse studs for the same reasons.

Lastly, the choosing of those two industries in particular seem ill advised. Attempts to safeguard productive farm land would surely have been a better choice, unless we the population commence consuming horse meat in large quantities. I do not believe that CSG mining and farming (food farming) are at all compatible due to the inability of the industry to quarantine the chemicals used and thus protect against contamination of the water including the vast amounts that will be used exclusively by them leaving insufficient or none for food production by our farmers.

Kind regards
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