

requirements for the Minister to consider when making decisions on water resource impacts
Including a requirement for bioregional assessment.
I appreciate your considering of this submission in the decision process.

**Submission to Senate
Inquiry into the federal
Government's
Environment Protection
and Biodiversity
Conservation Amendment
Bill 2013 [Provisions]**

Sincerely yours,

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**To the Senate
Inquiry Commission.**

I strongly support this bill and would like to see it passed quickly through the Senate.

I agree that the bilateral approval provisions of the EPBC Act cannot apply to coal and coal seam gas developments that impact on water resources, and that there have been some other improvements to the exemptions.

I believe it is necessary to ensure that the exemptions contained in the Bill are minimised, and that projects, such as the Arrow Coal Seam Gas project in Queensland and Camden in western Sydney, are not exempt from it. Therefore, I deem it necessary to see minor amendments to remove s22 2b) and d).

I believe that there are other amendments that would substantially improve the Bill, including:

Amending the Bill to cover all unconventional gas mining, including shale gas and tight gas, and unconventional coal mining

Strengthening the role of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee

Defining significant impacts on water resources

Introducing a set of