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Submission Re: Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation  
Amendment Bill 2013

There should be a moratorium on the coal seam gas industry for the following reasons:

it is a self-regulated industry, it should not be self-regulated

the chemicals and additives used in this industry are toxic and severely harmful to humans, animals and our marine life - i.e. viscosifiers, surfactants, pH control agents and biocides

because of the sudden boom inexperienced people are being employed and they are not competent

severe environmental disasters will occur if they haven't already happened

wells that are capped will not be looked after in the future and once you drill like this pressure will continue to come to the surface

this is setting the bush on fire

it is causing the Condamine River in Queensland to bubble

toxins are being picked up in the air

The long term affects on our environment at catastrophic:

the water table will dry out this means:

loss of our farms

loss of our food supply

loss of clean water due to contamination

loss of our fishing industry

loss of employment due to loss of our GREAT BARRIER REEF AUSTRALIA'S  
BIGGEST TOURIST DRAWCARD

loss of our rivers

loss of our bore water - already farmer's bores can be set on fire!!!!

This could cause earthquakes and look at what happened in New Zealand with the mining disaster.

The major companies involved left out the most crucial piece of information on the effects to the environment ----MINING IMPACTS ON GROUNDWATER.

What will this country look like in a hundred years if you allow this to continue this way? Where is the vision for our kids future? No clean water, we cannot sustain our own food supply our environment it ruined?

I hope you seriously consider the ramifications of this short-sighted, destructive industry.

Regards,