

To the senate

I support this bill as I have strong reservations regarding coal and coal seam gas projects.

I believe that further amendments will be required to curb the undue haste and lack of respect for land with which the fossil fuel industry operates.

I would like to see the Bill amended to cover all unconventional gas mining including shale and tight gas and unconventional coal mining -(which needs to be phased out quickly and thereby increase their interests in solar).

I believe an independent scientific body be present at all levels of proposals and projects in mining as well as a set of requirements for the relevant minister to consider when making decisions; this has been amply highlighted by the recent ICAC inquiry at the state level in NSW.

I believe more attention needs to be drawn for bioregional assessments prior to approval to consider the ongoing ramifications of mining particularly in the light of climate change which seems to have been left out of the equation.

Thanking you for your time and consideration of this submission

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