

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

The government needs to get real about this issue and start considering the environment are future generations are going to live with. The money grabbing now will have a shameful penalties in the future.

I believe that CSG mining and mining in general should be controlled at a Federal level on the basis that the whole of Australia's environment needs to be protected and that there are too many vested interests (Money and jobs for the boys) at play at a State level for them to be given this responsibility. The other reason is that bad decisions in one state will affect living conditions and pollution in another.

I do not believe the long and short term effects of coal seam gas mining has been properly researched.

I think communities should have the right to say NO!

Approvals have been pushed through with not enough time to fully assess environmental let alone social impacts.

The industry has already destroyed a lot of natural habitat and farm land.

It's not scientifically proven that CSG has a lower carbon footprint than coal burning as an energy source.

The 2km buffer zone is ridiculously ineffectual when they can actually stuff the water tables where entire river systems get their water from.

Mining companies have already poisoned some of our rivers and land and they have lowered water tables significantly in some areas where farmer's bores have dried up to a point where they would have to go hundreds of meters deeper to find water.

The mining companies involved remind me of the tobacco companies and asbestos companies in the past in that the products were very dangerous and never properly researched. These companies fought any research which affected their business.

I think that CSG has the capacity to do irreparable damage to our communities, farm land , natural environment, rivers and peoples health.

I don't believe that our government is doing the job we elected them to do -- looking after Australians and our future!.

I say

Freeze CSG mining operations

Investigate current approvals.

Prepare long term and short term environmental, economic and social impact studies by independent scientists.

Make these studies public and give Australia a choice.

Give councils a choice regardless of outcome.

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