

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

I am horrified by the impact CSG appears to be having on water systems in QLD. In northern NSW the Southern Cross University is compiling data on the chemical makeup of our surface and groundwater systems so if the industry claims their impacts are 'natural' we will have evidence with which to judge this.

It is vital the federal government takes responsibility for ensuring the CSG industry does not pollute our water systems. Our region has a farming past and future and once water sources are compromised there is no mitigation option. Concerns are: quantities of water withdrawn and consequent limited supplies for farmers and river systems, the holding of produced water and its impact on the downstream environment, release of unknown quantities of gases into the surrounding environment.

Please put this matter before the senate immediately and impose a moratorium on existing and future CSG activity until adequate baseline water studies are conducted.

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