

SUBMISSION : Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation
Amendment
Bill 2013 [Provisions]

I encourage the government to bring these new laws to the Senate, so they can be passed before the election. Australia needs strong national environmental laws. I believe many of the environmental laws need beefing up to further protect our precious lands and waterways. Being due to rapid industrialization, development, population growth.

The importance of groundwater to our livelihood and local communities is vital, and once polluted, altered or damaged by CSG, then what happens to all the affected communities and wildlife.

The impact of coal seam gas and large coal mining on the water security of your local communities is very evident. As seen in the recent 4 Corners, there is now strong evidence of water tables dropping rapidly; leakage of chemicals into water-tables and waterways; and leakage of methane gases into the atmosphere.

I strongly stress the importance of keeping these new powers in federal hands, because of the poor environmental track record of state governments. We only have to look at QLD, NSW, VIC to see recent disregard for the natural environment, by these States winding back and changing environmental laws. Which are allowing major destruction and development to occur in once protected areas.

Thankyou
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