

The Federal Government needs to protect our water from coal and gas expansion.

I am writing today to urge you to give the Environment Minister the power to refuse CSG and coal mining projects when it is proven by researchers that the impacts on our water are too devastating.

There is, in fact, already a huge amount of evidence of how the pollution caused by these industries makes people and animals sick. It is a disgrace not to take these suffering people seriously.

Besides that most important issue of health there is also the visual pollution that mining companies create. I live in the Northern Rivers, a truly beautiful part of Australia which attracts many tourists yearly. Gas wells and pipelines going through our attractive and magical green hills would ruin this area for many years to come. And who wants to come here to have a holiday, after it's turned into a gas field?

The state government has proven to sell out in a hurry to mining companies. Politicians have been found corrupt, making deals that are not in the best interest of the communities. It is therefore important to keep these new powers to refuse devastating projects in federal hands.

Thank you for listening,
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