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Re: Inquiry into management of the Murray Darling Basin – impact of mining coal seam gas

PLEASE STOP THE COAL SEAM GAS MINING AND ALLOW TIME FOR SENSIBLE RESEARCH AND DECISIONS TO BE MADE TO PROTECT OUR HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL FARMLANDS.

I am writing to the Senate asking to please introduce into the New South Wales Parliament Mining Act, 1992:

1. That the current moratorium extend to all owners of rural properties in New South Wales who have highly productive, agricultural holdings and who oppose access to their land by companies seeking exploration, drilling and mining entitlements over such lands.
2. That there be an immediate cessation of all proposed activities by these companies including access to land, exploration, drilling and mining until such time as a government review is carried out whereby highly productive, agricultural lands are classified as exclusion zones and thereby removed from exploration, drilling and mining.

Yours sincerely,

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