I wish to strongly voice my concern over the lack of Government regulation over the development of the C.S.G. industry in particular, but also the scale of coal mining at the expense of all other concerns, i.e. environment (particularly water), the rights and wellbeing of ordinary Australians (both physical and financially).

Like a lot of Australians, I am only just becoming aware of our Governments' failure to protect us, the people, in favour of huge corporations, mostly foreign, which is even worse. Whilst there is financial gain for Australia, there is obviously an increasing amount of disturbing information coming to light, particularly with C.S.G. I refer to the 4 Corners program of 1st April where insiders are now coming out and openly telling of the total lack of environmental impact studies etc that would be a part of any other development. It took me ten years and nearly drove me to ruin just to subdivide my rural property, such were the hoops and hurdles I had to go through, yet something as potentially damaging as these industries are given a green light and worry about any negatives later approach. I believe we as a nation have been totally let down by our Governments who are bowing to the mining giants.

I hereby call on the Federal Government to bring some powers to restrict this onslaught before it is the cause of irreparable damage. There is more than enough evidence and concern by citizens to warrant our Governments doing the right thing by those that they represent, Australians, not mining companies.

Kind regards

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