

To: Committee, EC (SEN)
Inquiry into the EPBC Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

Dear Sir

CSG exploration and development particularly in coastal and subcoastal areas, should be put on hold until proper and detailed data is available re the possible effects of CSG extraction, on our pristine rivers and waterways. The precautionary principle must be applied, as any damage to our waterways caused by CSG mining will be permanent and irreversible. The claim that "Australia needs CSG for future energy supplies" is spurious, as it seems that a large percentage will be exported anyway.

Kind regards

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