

I write to you in regards to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conversation Amendment Bill 2013 that has recently been passed through the House of Representatives.

I welcome the Bill in that it recognises the value that our water resources hold and that the protection of these water resources is rightly held as a priority above and beyond the significance of coal seam gas and large coal mining projects to the economy without due regard to the impacts.

What has gone on in the past in Queensland, where approvals have been given without proper environmental impact assessments, cannot be allowed to happen in NSW and elsewhere. I believe that this Bill is a step in the right direction and although not a silver bullet in its own right, will strengthen the assessment process and continue to bring environmental issues to the forefront where they ought to be.

Our water resources are too precious to forego for short term industry and I welcome Federal influence to bring cohesion across the whole of Australia. I support this very important Bill for the protection that it offers when impacts or potential impacts to water are of concern.

Kind regards,

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