

## Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

Firstly, I want to ask why Australia is not investing in solar power like our contemporaries? This is a free and infinitely pure source of energy. I just don't understand why our government is protecting those destroying our country and endangering our people, for money.

I encourage the government to bring these new laws governing CSG and Mining practice to the Senate, so they can be passed before the election. I want the importance of groundwater to your livelihood and local community discussed. I want the impact of coal seam gas and large coal mining on the water security of your local community exposed; and I stress the my view of the importance of keeping these new powers in federal hands, because of the poor environmental track record of state governments.

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