

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I request to claim "submitters rights" for the 3 groups below:

- 1) myself - Amanda Albury -
- 2) our local group: Ironstone Community Action Group Inc. (ICAG Inc.) of which I am Secretary
- 3) our State Wide Organisation: Rivers SOS Inc. of which I am President/Secretary

We request the Federal Government protect our water from coal, gas and all forms of mining, whether its mines expanding, or mines currently in operation, or new mines being approved.

We can all give many examples of areas of natural water sources that have been destroyed and/or polluted permanently, cracked and drained from mining approvals.

The Precautionary Principle MUST be used where natural water sources are even remotely compromised by a mining development (now in operation) or a mining company that is being approved. It is just not worth the risk is it?

So we ask that the protection of water goes before the Senate for their protection to make it law. Landowners must have the right to say no to mining companies entering their properties. The Government must start protecting natural water sources, headwaters, soaks, swamps, creeks and rivers and their catchment areas from being impacted from any form of exploration and/or mining companies. We have already lost so many of these natural water sources in NSW alone care of Government approved mining.