

As a resident of NSW, I am extremely concerned to discover that Dart Energy has been granted PEL's over large tracts of land in NSW, including the entire Sydney basin, wherein they plan to conduct seismic operations, looking for coal seam gas, and obviously, if found, to mine it.

Having been made aware that this has been going on in the US for many years, and that George Bush more or less tore up the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act, I am extremely worried that this country will be caught up in their positive hype of the promise of economic prosperity and jobs. Not much use, when large portions of the population are exposed to the carcinogenic chemicals they use during "fracking" and that any water including underground water becomes completely laden with gas and chemicals and so contaminated that expensive systems have to be bought by residents so as to be able to access "drinkable" water. On top of that, as a consequence the air itself becomes so unhealthy that without gas masks, the population becomes exposed to all contaminants that become airborne. Wildlife will be the first to start dying, and then the population will develop cancers and become unable to work, placing a heavy toll on the unemployment system, until eventually affected residents will suffer a painful early death from rare brain cancers etc.

I see that Dart Energy claims that CSG drilling does not impact underground aquifers, yet we already know that any "stand" to their false claims ends up in the Environmental Protection Agency, where "surprise, surprise" the entire EPA staff is sacked, and replaced with company yes-men! Company men simply lie about what they are pumping into the ground, and with the court system being that individuals have to prove they are there, it is an expensive and impossible exercise for residents already sick from contamination.

Sounds scary, yes, and we should be scared..... however I do have a question, and that is, can you send me a link so I can find out where you are up to with your fight to protect your own country's residents over this company whose main aim is to "create a large footprint (their words) as soon as possible" and line their coffers at any expense, with damage to the environment and the populace just being a part of doing business.

Kind Regards  
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