

It is heartbreaking to see the treatment so many rural Australians have been subjected to in order to promote an industry that is in the interests of nobody but profiteering mining companies. Only yesterday there were comments on the news about the "right now" alteration to the climate, and the difficulties of dealing with further climate related disaster, of which we have seen a wide range sample this summer.

The scurry to grab the money before CSG is proven to be the nemesis of water, atmosphere, communities and health must be stopped, and taking the first step to control the effects of drilling and pumping on our water resources is of the highest importance. And you must not stop there; it is imperative to rid this country of such a destructive industry.

We have been fed endless lies, systematically cheated of our assets, and taken for fools by the cabal of companies, unions and governments itching to get their hands on the "wealth" to be generated by pumping aquifers and polluting soil, air and water. Please look ahead and realise that the long term is far more important than immediate cash in hand.

Yours faithfully,

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