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Dear Politicians

I urge you, most urgently, to put the brakes on CSG exploration. Yes, I understand that the industry does bring immediate work opportunities; however, the long term consequences are too serious.

If our water is polluted, we are screwed. That's it.

There are many things humans are capable of doing, but we can't turn back time. Once the integrity of our water-table is compromised, once the underground water is polluted, then we can't undo the damage.

If CSG is so great, why the rush?

If it really is clean, safe and green, why the rush?

It's not going anywhere. We don't need it right now, right this minute for our survival.

But we do need clean air and clean water, right now, right this minute for our survival. And we need it in the next minute, and the one after that, and in the next year, the next decade, the next century and the next millennia.

We will always need clean air and clean water, and in Australia we are fortunate it have it. Please do not let us pollute our fundamental necessities for the sake of a few short term jobs and lots of short term dollars. Don't let this happen on your watch.

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