

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to state my concern about proposed coal seam gas licensing in NSW in particular the fact that not enough research has been done to guarantee the security of water supplies, streams, aquifers, and the viability of land, which would be impacted were these licenses approved and enacted upon.

I would most sincerely urge the utmost restraint in granting such licenses, as once the genie is out of the bottle, there will be no recourse to fix what could be the unfixable. Which would be an environmental disaster of momentous proportions to communities. farming, water supplies, life per se would never be the same, and there will be no going back should these mining practices be allowed, and if they prove as they have already in other parts of the world, to be toxic on a large scale.

Stronger Federal Government studies and guidelines, Laws, should be made to protect and preserve our most valuable assets, of which water is unarguably one of our most precious. It must be made essential that such Laws require the Federal Environment Minister to oversee proposals adequately, and refuse projects or impose conditions that would otherwise compromise land and water health and viability. It would be a travesty of position for Coal and Seam gas projects in NSW (or anywhere) be allowed to go ahead when such a valuable resource as permanent clean water is at risk..

Surely this is a "no-brainer" for our Senate to agree upon?

Please be diligent in bringing new Laws to the table to protect and secure our most valuable resource.

Yours Sincerely,

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