

To: Committee, EC (SEN)
Inquiry into the EPBC Amendment Bill 2013 [Provisions]

Dear Senators,

As this is such a serious matter, not just locally but for the whole of Australia, and the rest of the World, I am making this submission to the Senate Inquiry.

Water is Life. Clean Water is Precious.

So much of our clean water here in Australia, is polluted not far from it's source, by farm animals, allowed to drink straight from the rivers and creeks. But these polluted waters can at least be purified, albeit with chemicals.

Whereas waters polluted by CSG Chemicals cannot be as easily purified, and cannot be contained, in Evaporation Ponds, especially here in the Northern Rivers, with the torrential amounts of water we get, sometimes all year round!

Also, using Hydraulic Fracturing, is an insane concept ! Using thousands of gallons of clean water, to fracture the fragile layers of our earth's crust, and leave them permanently open with sand, contaminating the once clean water with not only the nasty chemicals used, but possibly with other chemicals in the layers below, that should not be mixed with our groundwater!

I live in a supposedly Extinct Volcanic Caldera. No Volcano is really extinct. The Plates that our lands are connected to, are constantly moving. Who is to say there isn't a 'Hotspot' right below, when some Mining Company drills down a kilometre or two ! and causes a MegaCatastrophe, during the Exploratory Fracking Process !!!

We know this industry has a very short lifespan, 15 to 20 years! And for what? A few dollars now !

And a lifetime of Heavy Metal Water !

Please Act Responsibly and encourage the government to bring these new laws to the Senate, so they can be passed before the election.

It is so important to keep these new powers in federal hands, because of the poor environmental track record of state governments.

Yours sincerely
and with my fingers and toes crossed in hope of our Senate, having enough sane and sensible people, that you can make a difference to the future of our Country.

Call to Country

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