

The proposed amendments to the EPBC Act to help protect our water resources from significant impact from CSG projects should:

- 1 Be enacted without delay.
- 2 Apply to all major projects with an identified risk of significant impacts to our surface and groundwater resources.
- 3 Apply to all existing "approvals" for CSG projects that have been rushed through inadequate environmental assessment processes without adequate or any baseline monitoring and where there are obvious indications of methane leaking into our water resources.

We urgently need some leadership on this issue critical to the future welfare and sustainable development of our country. These CSG cowboys and girls have signed contracts with the like of China prior to getting any development approval and then held an economic and job creation gun at our heads. The whole history of Australia has been one of poor management of our water resources by the States. Have we not learnt anything from the history of the Murray Darling Basin?

Please provide some leadership on this critical issue before its too late!

PS - I thought Australia had signed an Agreement that included proceeding with development and its assessment through applying the Precautionary Principle - "where there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental damage" - we seemed to have turned this completely on its head where we have proceeded with development with SIGNIFICANT RISK of irreversible environmental damage with completely inadequate and rushed scientific assessment, including no baseline measurements - just because it provides an immediate income for a short time and a few jobs - lets let the future generations deal with the debt and the clean up. This is not Government - it is anarchy - its time to act.

Kind regards
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