

I am writing to express my support for the government to bring proposed new laws regarding protecting water resources from coal seam gas and large coal developments to the Senate. I believe they should be passed before the election.

Groundwater has such an obvious importance to local farmer's livelihood and our local community, it seems absurd to have to speak out to ask for protection for it - but here I am. Coal seam gas and large coal mining can and does cause irreparable damage to any community, as evidenced by such activities in QLD and the US.

If these laws are passed we must keep these new powers in federal hands, because the state governments are increasingly exhibiting such poor environmental track records.

I also agree with also agree with the Greens, that these new laws should also apply to other forms of unconventional gas as well as give landholders the right to say no. These new laws should be retrospective, and apply to projects recently approved.

Please take into account my submission and make the right decisions for our children's future.

Kind regards  
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