

I concur wholeheartedly with the following position "new laws passed the House which will require the Federal Environment Minister to take into account the water impacts of coal seam gas and large coal mining when assessing those projects for approval. They will enable the Minister to refuse such projects if the water impacts are too great, or impose conditions to protect water resources from coal seam gas and coal mining."

I "also agree that the laws should be stronger, meaning they should apply to other forms of unconventional gas, give landholders the right to say no, and apply to projects recently approved." However it is essential to get these laws LOCKED INTO PLACE before the neo-conservatives get into government.

Please, senators, PASS this legislation without delay so these important protections are enacted before parliament adjourns.

Kind regards
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