

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

I have strong reservations on the impact that CSG could have on our water supply here in the Manning Valley.

I have read and studied many reports that the impact CSG mining has had in the USA where it has been allowed to operate without the proper studies being carried out. There are 75,000 people here in the Manning Valley dependent on this water and we do not want to jeopardise this for a quick buck. I would like to see prime agricultural land being protected from mining as without food and water we cannot live.

I watched Four Corners Programme 1 April 2013, and was shocked to hear from Queensland farmers stating the impact this CSG mining has had on farming properties there.

I implore Senators to vote to protect our water here in the Manning Valley and protect the beautiful Gloucester valley. If we allow this mining to take place and it does affect our water supply it is too late.

I am not an activist, a grandmother who wishes to protect this land and water for future generations.

Please Senators think carefully when you vote.

I am a member of MCWAG which stands for Manning Clean Water Action Group. I am a volunteer in my community for a number of organisations as I love this country it is the best country in the world so let us all protect it.