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Topic: **Coal Seam Gas – Author Qualifications**
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Senator Joyce asked:

In reference to the Geoscience Australia report with Dr. M.A. Habermahl titled "Summary of Advice in relation to the Potential Impacts of Coal Seam Gas Extraction in the Surat and Bowen Basin, Queensland," could you explain the qualifications of your co-author, Dr. Habermehl?

Answer:

Dr Habermehl is a PhD qualified geologist and highly experienced senior hydro-geologist whose expertise spans many elements of groundwater resource assessment across Australia. He has worked as Principal Research Scientist for the Commonwealth Government since 1971 through the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics; the Australian Geological Survey Organisation; the Bureau of Rural Sciences; and most recently, Geoscience Australia. Dr Habermehl has extensive experience of the hydrogeology of the Great Artesian Basin and in providing hydro-geological advice on mining and development proposals.