



**CSG worries**  
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Dear Whom ever this may concern,

I have heard I can make a submission here for the CSG practices of today to be reviewed by an independent panel of scientists. I find the way that the governments of this world have driven over the worries of the people in such a rough-shod fashion reprehensible especially considering that those worries have a solid foundation. As an organic farmer aiming to keep my vegetables and fruit as healthy as possible while at the same time improving the soils and the waters of the land is a huge task which can be very frustrating.

This task receives no remuneration from the government, that a project such as CSG mining which defaces the earth, destroying all top soil for kilometers around the mine, poisoning water and pollution, creating massive problems for future generations through huge releases of methane which contribute to the global warming effect should be backed, even worse backed financially, is disheartening to say the least.

I am very worried about our water, I am lucky to live in a place which rarely experiences drought, but when it comes it comes even here in this rainforest area and we have come perilously close to completely losing our orchards after a year of having nothing to water our produce with. Not only does CSG mining create methane which will further the unpredictability and severity of the weather and rain in the coming years but also CSG mining demands a huge amount of water, which despite the propaganda has been tested as contaminated after they have used it and so unfit for human and horticultural consumption, as an organic farmer this concerns me greatly since I could lose my certification.

I would like to see that our worries are taken seriously and the practices of the CSG mining are minutely and independently reviewed by scientists who have no financial gain or other advantages from lobbying for the proponents of CSG. In the real world I guess this is hard to do as every scientist has a stake in his or her reputation and a lucrative contract or advisory job could be lost due to their work.

Nevertheless I hope this can be achieved since I consider CSG mining to be one of the most despicable methods of making money for a very few on the backs and futures of very many.

Regards Wendy Leighton