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Dear Chief Scientist

Please consider the natural beauty of the Gloucester region and the impact that the expansion of coal seam gas mining will have on it's future as a tourist destination. The Buckett's Way must be one of the prettiest roads in Australia.

Clearly natural beauty is hard to put a price on, but as the great songwriter Joni Mitchell sang " Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone....."

Well I urge you to experience the scenic joy that is the Gloucester region. What other country, unless extremely desperate, is actually desecrating it's own natural heritage?

As for the impact of coal seam gas mining on farms, we know from the experience of many other sites, that this process has the potential to damage the groundwater supply and interfere with river systems. There is then the toxic waste water to dispose of, which tends to lie around in large fetid dams, taking up valuable space.

The recent Four Corners program exposed the lack of independent data provided for the approval of much CSG mining in Queensland and that even for the experts, very little is really known about the long term effects on underground water systems.. The risks are just too great!!! Will our grandchildren be left in despair over the deliberate destruction of our precious water supplies?

As a scientist, aware of the approach of climate change, surely the fugitive emissions must concern you? Coal seam gas could possibly be more polluting than coal. We need to de-carbonise our economy now and be encouraging greater investment in renewable forms of energy.

I am very concerned about the many dangers to health and to the environment. I urge you to support a moratorium on any further exploitation of valuable farmland by this rapacious industry.

Yours sincerely
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