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## Independent Review of Coal Seam Gas Activities

To the Chief Scientist & Engineer

Dear Madam

I wish to express my grave concerns about the current licences granted to AGL and the other Gas Miners to expand their Coal Seam Gas Operations in the Macarthur area and throughout NSW.

My major concerns are as follows:

- The permanent damage that may occur to the water aquifers once drilling penetrates them.
- The chemicals used by these Companies in the gas extraction process will most probably cause permanent contamination of the underground water tables.
- The fracturing of the coal seam to allow the gas to escape is also of much concern, as the use of chemicals released into the seam is an unknown, although from overseas reports it is a disaster.
- The coal seams that are exposed to this method of gas extraction I believe will one day in the future be mined for the high grade coal in the seams. I have concerns for the men who may be exposed in confined spaces underground to the chemicals that remain in the seam whilst they mine the coal.
- I believe that like myself, most residents are concerned and angered by the dismissive attitude of the State Government to the concerns of the people who will be affected by the Coal Seam Gas Mining in their area.
- I find it incomprehensible that a Government can place at permanent risk our most important asset, WATER, once damaged no amount of compensation or remediation can rectify the damage.

In closing I wonder how many of the 35 recommendations made by the Upper House Inquiry into Coal Seam Gas, as recommended to the State Government, have been accepted, what risk assessments have been done by the responsible Departments, and has due diligence been shown in this matter to the people's concerns.

Without water there is no future for anyone.

Yours Faithfully

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