



Submission to the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer about the review of coal seam gas activities in NSW

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Dear NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer,

First let me ask you do you have any children or grandchildren in your lives ?

Do you care about the world they will inherit ?

Really?

Or do you think if you have enough money you will be alright ?

Let me remind you – you can't eat coal and you can't drink gas .

You guys know in your heart of hearts this stuff is poison .

Stop it please. Haven't we done enough damage with this gung ho attitude ?

I would like to call for you to broadening of the Terms of Reference and task you with commissioning rigorous independent scientific research to properly assess the risks of coal seam gas mining.

I implore you to Identify best practice methods for baseline monitoring of health impacts , water resources, air quality, soil quality, and fugitive emissions.

Also identify areas of NSW that should be off limits to coal seam gas , due to unacceptable risks and impacts. And finally review the impacts of coal seam gas on agriculture and other affected industries such as tourism and manufacturing .

I believe there are far too many gaps in managing coal seam gas risks in NSW , including the lack of baseline data and on-going monitoring on health, water, air quality and fugitive emissions. The most fundamental risk management strategy must be the creation of strict no-go zones for farmland, water resources and important bushland .

I believe best practice in CSG management should include a minimum 5km exclusion from residential zones, a minimum 2km exclusion from all residential dwellings, mandatory health impact assessments, and the right for communities to say no .

I demand immediate independent scientific research to assess the risks from coal seam gas operations and comprehensive baseline monitoring, not more information sheets.

Yours sincerely

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