



**NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer 's Review of Coal Seam Gas (CSG)
Activities in NSW Submission on behalf of Northern Rivers Guardians**

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Professor Mary O'Kane

NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer

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Dear Professor O'Kane,

RE: Review of Coal Seam Gas (CSG) Activities in NSW

I write on behalf of Northern Rivers Guardians, Inc, a volunteer association with active membership of more than 500 residents concerned with preserving our lifestyles and the natural environment . One of our members , Dr. Wayne Somerville has submitted to you and considering your time and mine, I will refrain from repeating his words. We do , however , endorse his concerns and request that you take into consideration the needs of the population in making your assessments. The world will soon turn away from harmful practices in favour of sustainable ones and we do not want this region damaged for the sake of short-term profits for a few fossil fuel fools.

You are probably aware that the area's population has been alerted and are overwhelmingly opposed to CSG extraction.

I respectfully request that in her report, the Chief Scientist and Engineer recognises the unassessed risk of CSG-associated lowering of water tables to the mountaintop aquifer systems that support the unique biota of the volcanic landscapes of the Northern Rivers.

I further request that the report strongly recommends that CSG industrialisation in this region should not proceed until - and unless - this threat to unique rainforests and other environments is fully understood and scientifically investigated.

I also request you recommend a complete moratorium on CSG activities pending the results of scientific studies.

Yours faithfully,

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