



History: This message has been replied to and forwarded.

I understand the submission closed on 26th April, but hope that you might consider mine nevertheless. Because I don't have time to write you a submission I am attaching copies of 2 letters that I sent to the NSW Premier and also to NSW Nationals leader, and hope that you might consider them as my submission.

Regards

Vicki Moseley

----- Message from "Vicki Moseley" <rvmoseley@bigpond.com> on Mon, 11 Mar 2013 13:54:03 +1000 -----

To: <office@deputypremier.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Coal Seam Gas in the Gloucester Basin

Dear Mr. Stoner

I feel compelled to write to you after hearing your comments the other day stating that you would not like to live next door to a coal seam gas well.

My family will, if AGL is allowed to proceed with their application to drill over 300 wells in the Gloucester basin.

We are already subjected to dust and noise from the nearby Stratford Coal mine, **but it is NOT, what the canary in the mine can see or hear that kills him. It is what he CAN'T see or hear that kills him, and it could kill us as well.** This is what scares me most, and makes me very wary. The fear of the unknown. Toxic gases can emanate from the ground where not only wells have been drilled, but also from where fracking has taken place. These companies not only drill vertically they also have the ability to drill up to 800 metres horizontally, so who would know the extent of the fracked seams.

Numerous studies are being undertaken by scientists and independent concerned citizens as to the levels of gases present in the air in close proximity to wells that have been drilled in other locations, and it would appear that the evidence is damning that there is above acceptable limits of methane, radon and probably other gases present in the atmosphere surrounding these wells. Surely all these studies can't be wrong, isn't the evidence irrefutable. Our health and our livelihoods are on the line here. You cannot put a lot of faith in the facts and figures provided by the companies who stand to gain financially, you must take note of the finding of the independents who have nothing financially to gain. These are the ones who are concerned about the environment and the residents.

Large companies will only rape and pillage the land, take the money and run, and we the innocent surrounding landowners will have to pay the price, and live with the consequences of their actions, regardless of how dire or irreparable the damage and the outcome.

Barry O'Farrell's "tough new measures for the NSW coal seam gas industry", I find are offensive and laughable.

- A two kilometre surface and sub-surface exclusion zone around residential zonings across NSW;

- Exclusion zones for Critical Industry Clusters such as the equine and viticulture industries in the Upper Hunter

Are you aware that the village of Stratford doesn't even qualify in this exclusion zone. It doesn't have the necessary 1000 residents.

Are you also aware that the rivers in the Gloucester region are the life-blood for the 75000 residents in the Manning valley area. If any pollution, or decrease in flows, was to occur in these rivers due to the mining process, and moreover, the fracking method used destroying the intricate underground geology, then 75000 are without water.

What about the beef industry, the dairy farming, the aquaculture! Doesn't the value of the lives of these cattle and fish count for anything? Why are the lives of horses considered to be more valuable? What happens if the beef and dairy cattle become contaminated because of the existence of these toxins in their drinking water?

What about the value of the lives of the people? Are we just expendable commodities?

Have you ever taken the time to visit Gloucester and the surrounding countryside? Have you visited Barrington Tops National Park? Are you aware of the breeding program to try to save the Tasmanian Devil from extinction that is currently being undertaken there?

What we have here is unique, pristine wilderness, and I can't believe that you could stand by idly and do nothing to help us protect it.

It can't always be about putting money, and jobs first. There are other things often more important, that you can't put a monetary value on, and this Gloucester basin and surrounding environs is one of those things.

We urge you to take our appeals for help to the decision makers in the Government and put a stop to this wanton destruction of this valley.

Yours faithfully

Vicki Moseley

----- Message from "Vicki Moseley" <rvmoseley@bigpond.com> on Mon, 11 Mar 2013 11:33:54 +1000

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To: <premier@nsw.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Tough New Measures for the NSW Coal Seam Gas Industry

Dear Sir

I appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to reply to my letter, but I think that you are missing the point.

I believe your "tough new measures" are insulting. You are putting the value of horses and vineyards above the value of the beef cattle that I am raising to sell for human consumption, let alone the value of mine and my family's life. Why stop at 2km exclusion zones, why not stop Coal Seam Gas extraction all together. Can't you see that these big companies are only about raping and pillaging the land, taking the money and running, and leaving us (the poor innocent players in all this) to have to live with, and suffer, the consequences of their actions.

If by fracking, irreparable damage is sustained to the underground water systems, what then. The damages can't be repaired. Putting a cap on a well, is not the solution. The damage caused by the fracking process to the underground geology of the area, can never be repaired. Gas emissions can occur at any point along the fracked lines. It is proven knowledge the geology of the Gloucester basin is very complex, and fragile, and scientists advise against using this process because of the untold damage that could be sustained. This is totally immoral and your government should not let this proceed. You have a duty of care to your constituents, and if you allow this development to go head, you are neglecting this duty of care.

Have you even been to the Gloucester valley? This is prime agriculture land, (a food bowl), with numerous pristine water ways, that run the risk of being totally destroyed. What with the Stratford Coal mine, and the proposed Rocky Hill Coal mine, and now to cap it all off, the Coal Seam Gas project, not to mention the fact that TransGrid wants to transect the countryside with high tension power lines and huge stanchions. All these projects need to be looked at in their entirety, not as stand-alone projects. The cumulative effect is enormous, and something that we as landowners should not have to be subjected to.

Tourism is another important industry in this area. People flock to this valley annually because of the beauty, tranquillity, unspoilt rivers, and of course the Barrington Tops National Park. Do you honestly believe this industry (which does not have an undesirable impact upon the environs), will survive. Who is going to want to visit and holiday in a valley that is pock-marked and scarred with huge open-cut mines and coal seam gas extraction wells (300 odd). What a sad and sorry picture this thought presents.

Please put the environment, and the residents, of this beautiful rural valley, with its dairy farming, beef breeding, aquaculture, olive production, tourism, National Parks above the short term gain of those who stand to make a quick buck and who destroy the ecology of this natural wilderness.

Yours faithfully

Vicki Moseley

OFrom: premier@nsw.gov.au [mailto:premier@nsw.gov.au]  
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 4:31 PM  
To: premier@nsw.gov.au  
Subject: Tough New Measures for the NSW Coal Seam Gas Industry

Dear Sir/Madam

#### Tough New Measures for the NSW Coal Seam Gas Industry

Thank you for your email regarding the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government's announcement of a package of tough new measures to strengthen the regulation of the NSW Coal Seam Gas (CSG) industry.

The new measures will make country towns and suburbs across the State "no go" zones for future CSG activity, and establishes the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as the lead regulator of CSG mining.

The new measures include:

- A two kilometre surface and sub-surface exclusion zone around residential zonings across NSW;
- Exclusion zones for Critical Industry Clusters such as the equine and viticulture industries in the Upper Hunter;
- The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to be responsible for compliance and

enforcement of environmental and health impacts of CSG licence conditions; and

· An independent review by the Chief Scientist and Engineer of all CSG activities in NSW, including the impact on water catchments.

If you would like further information about these tough new measures please visit [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au).

The NSW Government has listened to community concerns and these new measures build on what are already the toughest CSG controls in the nation.

Local NSW Liberals & Nationals MPs made strong representations regarding CSG activities on behalf of their communities. The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government has listened and acted.

Yours sincerely

Barry O'Farrell MP  
Premier

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