



CSG Review Terms of Reference
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Sirs,

Please find below terms of reference further to those already adopted:

- Examine the need to revise the proximity to dwellings allowable for a CSG operation to a 2 km minimum to reflect the possibility of harm resulting from a) uncontrolled methane release and b) catastrophic incident such as fire and / or explosion and c) contamination of either land or water or atmosphere.
- Examine the need for a review of the environmental guidelines for CSG exploration and production under the Petroleum (onshore) Act 1991 Sect 74 which as it is provides scant and vague reference to the protection of the environment. At present the Act merely provides that the Resource Minister must "take into account the need to preserve and protect" specified environmental factors such as flora and fauna and that the Minister "may cause such studies (including environmental impact studies) to be carried out".
- Examine the need for the applicant of a production license to be required to guarantee the project against detrimental environmental and health impacts and the implementation of a compensation fund for those found to be affected.
- Examine the need for stringent guidelines requiring truly independent baseline and ongoing air, water and soil quality testing and monitoring.
- Examine the need for broadening the definition of CSG exempt areas to include all farming land.
- Examine the need for a comprehensive, independent of government and industry, study into the potential health effects of CSG operations.
- Examine the need for the ability of a community concerned about the impacts of CSG production to 'say no' to CSG production in the locality.