



submission for review of CSG activities in Nsw

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To the Chief Scientist,

Please broaden the terms of reference in your CSG enquiry including the following points listed below. This is our lives these companies are playing with, our children's health, Water quality, quality of life as well as the obvious one of global warming by allowing the continued exploitation of non-renewable energy sources.

Please include the following points in your terms of reference, the review should be broadened so that the Chief Scientist is tasked with:

Commissioning rigorous independent scientific research to properly assess the risks of coal seam gas mining. No more Dracula in the blood bank with these companies providing no baselines studies before they have commenced mining then only under duress providing Monitoring by companies contracted by them,. Where is the independence in this/ Please as a scientist ensure Scientific monitoring is carried out independent of all stakeholders including Politicians and Mining Companies.

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

Identifying areas of NSW that should be off limits to coal seam gas, due to unacceptable risks and impacts.

Reviewing the impacts of coal seam gas on agriculture and other affected industries such as tourism and manufacturing.

Terms of Reference 1 – provide information to the Chief Scientist on your experiences with coal seam gas compliance failures in your local area.

Terms of Reference 2 – the 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, existing industries, water resources and important natural areas.

Terms of Reference 3 – the fact that best practice in CSG management should include a minimum 25km exclusion from residential zones, a minimum 15km exclusion from all residential dwellings, mandatory health impact assessments, and the right for communities to say no.

Terms of Reference 5 – Please come and visit the Byron Shire area to investigate examples of compliance failure with CSG.

Terms of Reference 6 – what is needed is independent scientific research to assess the risks from coal seam gas operations and comprehensive baseline monitoring, not more information sheets.

I thank you and welcome your work .

Regards,

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