



CSG proposal Gloucester

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To the Chief Scientist:

I stand with the people of the Upper Hunter in general and of Gloucester particularly, in urging you to commission an independent study of the effects of CSG extraction on the water table. People living near fracking sites all over the world complain of a wide range of health problems. A sufficient study would provide an explanation of these problems and not merely dismiss them as being in some way psychosomatic.

In the short term, fracking destroys landscapes and livelihoods. It makes people living nearby sick. The benefits are largely to the companies, and much of those benefits goes overseas. It also detracts Australia from the vital goal of transitioning to renewable energy sources. You will be aware that last month, 100% of the new energy coming online in the US was renewable.

In the long term, Mining companies do not clean up the messes they leave, except in the most superficial way. Tourists don't pay to visit former mining wastelands. They pay to travel through lush farmland, and to stay on working properties and buy locally produced food.

Please do whatever is in your power to protect the land and the water supply in the area. Locals, whose knowledge comes from the experience of generations of farming families using the water for their families, food and livestock, speak of the complexity of the water network. This complexity needs to be acknowledged and studied, to prevent the poisoning of the water system in the region.

Yours sincerely,

Kirsten Anker