



Submission to NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer Review of Coal Seam Gas activities

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Dear Sir or Madam

I would like the Review to accomodate without alteration the changes requested by Lock the Gate, as follows...

- Re Broadening the Terms of Reference:
- Commissioning rigorous independent scientific research to properly assess the risks of coal seam gas mining.
- Identifying 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.

Re Addressing the Existing Terms of Reference:

I feel and believe that much more independent research and monitoring is necessary to establish the real risks to health of current and future generations caused by unconventional mining methods. There needs to be baseline monitoring, not more PR-based "fact-sheets".

The many recorded failures of concrete surrounding of drill-holes need to be fully investigated. There are many reports of fugitive emissions around pipes, drills, and above fracked areas that must be independently investigated and assessed.

it is essential that extensive no-go areas are established, including substantial buffer zones, around farming land, important wildlife habitat, and water resources, which once polluted can never be unpolluted. There are gambles we, the Nation, cannot afford to lose - potential damage that mining companies would just walk away from, and could not correct even if they were theoretically and legally obliged to.

yours sincerely

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