



## Coal Seam Gas Review

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Dear Chief Scientist & Engineer Review Team

As a concerned NSW resident, I am writing to express my strong concerns over the review of coal seam gas activities in NSW with a 'focus on the impacts of these activities on human health and the environment.'

In addressing my concerns I wish to call on you to broaden the Terms of Reference so that the following points are included in the review :

1. Commissioning rigorous independent scientific research to properly assess the risks of coal seam gas mining. As a potential risk to public health and water supply the public deserves independent scientific research to assess the risks from coal seam gas operations and comprehensive baseline monitoring .
2. Identifying best practice methods for baseline monitoring of health impacts , water resources, air quality, soil quality, and fugitive emissions. There are 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.
3. Identifying areas of NSW that should be off limits to coal seam gas , due to unacceptable risks and impacts. The most fundamental risk management strategy must be the creation of strict no-go zones for farmland, water resources and important bushland.
4. Reviewing the impacts of coal seam gas on agriculture and other affected industries such as tourism and manufacturing.

I strongly urge you to consider the above in your review and act accordingly .

Sincerely,

Dr Deirdre Howard-Wagner