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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

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