



**Comments on CSG in NSW**

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Dear Chief Scientist.

I am primarily concerned about the lack of scientific data relating to fugitive emissions, as well as impacts on human health, water catchments, and the environment.

Where experimental CSG drilling has occurred, for example in the Pilliga forest, it is apparent that bores have leaked severely.

While the Federal Government is costing the release of CO<sub>2</sub>, it makes no sense to allow uncontrolled and uncosted release of methane from CSG drilling.

All companies drilling into coal seams ought be required to capture all methane and other gases from coal seams. They ought be required to capture such gases, not release them. I am aware that the industry trend is to flare the methane, thus converting it to CO<sub>2</sub>. But that is not acceptable, environmentally.

Certainly if they do that, it ought be quantified and subsequently the companies ought be required to pay for the release of such gases.

I recognise this latter point is probably outside your area of concern, but as a responsible public official, it surely behoves you to not pretend this activity is not happening. It is happening.

At the very least I ask that you consider the quantum of CSG released via fugitive emissions, and report to Government on that problem and make recommendations to Government on how best it ought deal with that issue.

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