



Re: Coal Seam Gas review
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Greetings!

I wish to provide a submission concerning the above matter,

1. I am concerned about the apparently narrow terms of reference of your review. More specifically this needs to include a thorough review of independent research on all aspects of Coal Seam Gas, and its effects on ground water, water catchments, air quality, health and other environmental matters. It seems to me that much of this research has not yet been undertaken. Thus, on the precautionary principle, CSG activities should be placed on hold until the necessary studies are completed.

2. Some areas of NSW should be barred from Coal Seam Gas mining and exploration because of the high potential risks involved. These areas should include prime agricultural land, drinking water catchments, areas feeding the Great Artesian Basin, and other significant groundwater resources, and other significant sensitive areas. These areas need to be clearly identified before any further CSG leases are approved.

3. A further concern, has been the lack of compliance with lease conditions. This requires effective monitoring and enforcement by Government. The Pilliga area provides abundant examples of lack of compliance.

4. As already stated, the necessary baseline studies on health, water, air quality and fugitive emissions have not been carried out. Furthermore there is much variance and confusion concerning the matter of fugitive emissions. These emissions need to be accurately measured, as they potentially impact on health, air quality, fire risk etc.

Yours sincerely
Peter Lamb