

## **CSG Submission**

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To The NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer

## Re: Independent review of CSG in NSW on the impacts to human health and the environment.

Thank you for undertaking this very important review. I hope the Terms of Reference are broad enough so that there is rigorous independent scientific research done to properly assess the risks of coal seam gas mining. Identifying and apply best practice methods for baseline monitoring of health impacts, water resources, air quality, soil quality, and fugitive emissions.

Identified areas of NSW should be off limits to coal seam gas, due to unacceptable risks and impacts. Our Prime agricultural lands must be protected for our future food security. The impacts of CSG on agriculture production and other affected industries such as tourism. There must be the creation of strict no-go zones for farmland, water resources and important bushland to retain biodiversity.

Please see these media reports of accidents and Contaminated sites and accidents related specifically to CSG/LNG in Australia

September 12, 2012 - Gas Company illegally emitting acid rain compounds for 3 years - AGL

http://au.news.yahoo.com/video/national/watch/26473248

AGL found for 3 years have been pumping 30% more Sulphur Oxide into air than environmental limits allow. Also found to be exceeding limits for hazardous waste stored on site.

September 4, 2012 – Farmers and environmental groups blast new gas industry ad that claims coal seam gas is safe for groundwater – APPEA

http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/farmers-and-environmental-groups-blast-new-gasindustry-ad-that-claims-coal-seam-gas-is-safe-for-groundwater/story-e6freon6-1226464606972

http://www.news.com.au/breaking-news/national/csg-ad-criticised-for-false-claims/storye6frfku9-1226464941206

Deceptive advertising by APPEA claims that CSG is safe for groundwater. A PRO-COAL seam gas (CSG) television advertisement has falsely claimed Australia's national science agency believed groundwater was safe from contamination by CSG mining, CSIRO says. The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) authorised the television ad that aired on Network Nine at the weekend. The ad claimed CSIRO believed groundwater was "safe from coal seam gas" activities. CSIRO has rejected the claims. "At no time has CSIRO made such a statement, and nor do the results of CSIRO research support such a statement," a spokesman said in a statement.

September 4, 2012 - CSIRO wants ads pulled as coal seam gas industry claims rejected

http://www.coastaltimes.com.au/news/national/national/general/csiro-wants-ads-pulled-ascoal-seam-gas-industry-claims-rejected/2658104.aspx

Above are a number of reasons why CSG mining is unsafe to people and the environment. We are been dictated to by APPEA & people have had enough of the lies associated with CSG safety.

CSG mining should include a minimum 5km exclusion from residential zones, a minimum 2km exclusion from all residential dwellings, mandatory health impact assessments, and the right for communities to say no. Please come to the Northern Rivers and see how opposed our communities are to CSG mining in the Northern Rivers of NSW.

Thanks you for taking the time to read this submission

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