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Subject: Major concerns over the reckless use of Coal Seam Gas

Dear David Henry,

I am writing this letter with great regret. It is so disappointing to see what is happening to the world around us. We have so many threats to prosperity and good health, it is difficult to fight all these battles out there. Now we learn of a major battle in our backyard. This is of course the risky business of Coal Seam Gas (CSG) mining in residential areas.

A few quotes from the CSIRO document titled "csg-predicting-impacts.pdf" located at:
<http://www.csiro.au/news/coal-seam-gas>

"Predicting long-term impacts of CSG production can be difficult due to potential cumulative and region-specific impacts of multiple developments."

"Extraction of large volumes of groundwater may also cause some surface subsidence, depending on the site."

The real issue looks to be that CSG has been put into action before it has been properly studied and effects recorded. I have yet to find a peer reviewed article on the impact of CSG that wasn't funded by a business with a vested interest.

CSG is going ahead at a blistering pace and the government needs to pause it to catch up and institute laws around this practice; if we knew that CSG was safe before it was put into action, there would be a lot less debate and uproar about the topic.

It has been stated that 22,000 litres a day are used by a well. In a country like Australia that is constantly fighting droughts, this doesn't bode well for our future.

The potential for polluting water ways and soil in a way that can severely affect the health of locals, is too great to justify the action. Instead, funding R & D into finding more sustainable, efficient and safer energy sources should be the focus.

We have recently built a lovely home in Campbelltown but now are considering selling and moving out of the area if our health is in any way at jeopardy due to further "developments" in CSG in the area.

Best regards

David Ward