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Term of Reference (ToR) 2 requires the identification and assessment of the risk of coal seam gas activities to the integrity of the environment and consequent impact on human health. It is imperative that this is based on independent scientifically credible research, not mere arm waving. Research must be commissioned.

Baseline data and ongoing monitoring on water and air quality needs to be established as a matter of urgency, using best practice methods. And in particular, fugitive emissions and the consequences for the ongoing accelerated global warming requires assertive action. Risk assessment must take a pre-cautionary approach. We cannot afford to make mistakes.

The accountability of the governments and the bureaucracy for due diligence and responsible management of natural resources is required at law. It is ever more apparent that the increasingly more well-informed public requires it to not only be seen to be done but for it to be effective.

It is both politically wise and environmentally sensible to make appropriate landuse decisions to declare NO GO areas for coal seam gas activities. This 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.

Yours sincerely,

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