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The Chief Scientist

CSG Review.

We write seeking to ensure this industry is adequately informed by scientific research, appropriately constrained and regulated, that impacts are limited to levels acceptable in the long-term public interest.

We consider the Terms of Reference are too narrow. The Chief Scientist must be empowered to:

- Commission rigorous independent scientific research to properly assess the risks of coal seam gas mining.
- Identify best practice methods for baseline monitoring of health impacts, water resources, air quality, soil quality, and fugitive emissions.
- Identify areas of NSW that should be off limits to coal seam gas, due to unacceptable risks and impacts.

We are concerned at the lack of baseline data and on-going monitoring on health, water, air quality and fugitive emissions. The most fundamental risk management strategy must be the creation of strict no-go zones for important natural areas including high conservation areas and sensitive lands, farmland, existing industries, and water resources.

There should be 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.

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