



**Submission to NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer Review of Coal Seam Gas activities**

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Terms of Reference 1: I do not have personal experience of coal seam gas compliance failures in this area but I have certainly heard of many in other areas.

Terms of Reference 2: It is unfortunate that most research is conducted by the actual coal seam gas companies themselves so the resulting data is biased in their favor. Even "research" conducted by the Queensland government has been poorly done with inaccurate results. Makes one wonder about the integrity of the government and that they might more worried about the possible loss of revenue! It is too late, in many cases, to get baseline data but it should be started immediately (better late than never). This should have been done before the industry even started any project! Health issues should be studied, not like the Queensland government studies them, but done properly! Water, and the future of our food and water supply should be looked at extremely carefully. What is left if this is damaged!? Air quality and fugitive emissions should also be researched strictly. All these issues should be monitored closely and with integrity, forgetting about any financial ramifications, but considering the health and future of the Australian people. There should be strict no-go zones for farmland, existing industries, water resources and important natural areas.

Terms of Reference 3: There should be a minimum 5km exclusion from residential zones, 2km at least from all residential buildings, mandatory health impact assessments and the right for communities to say "NO" for, after all, this is supposed to be a democratic country.

Terms of Reference 6: What we need is independent scientific research to assess all the possible risks from coal seam gas operations and comprehensive baseline monitoring!!!

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