



CSG Review

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ATT NSW Chief Scientist

I write in support of the submission you have received from Mrs Rosemary Nankivell regarding CSG in NSW. Like Rosemary, I am a landholder resident of the Liverpool Plains, near Quirindi in North West NSW, and am involved in the Caroon Coal Action Group.

What appears to be unhindered expansion of the CSG industry, in terms of both exploration and development, is inappropriate and negligent when the environmental and social implications are unknown. The precautionary principle dictates that a moratorium should exist until all impacts are identified, bearing in mind that for many of these risks, a growing number of NSWs population have zero tolerance. In other words, if it can be proven that the risk of harm is zero, only then should exploration and/or development be approved.

The potential impacts on our groundwater aquifers, water quality, soil quality, and human health, to name a few, are far too great to even consider. I emphasise that the majority of these impacts are irreversible, and "make good" provisions can never be viewed as an appropriate risk minimisation strategy.

It is time that the NSW Government and State Agencies heeded the mounting community adversity in relation to CSG and acknowledged that short-term economic gain should never over-rule environmental and social impacts.

Yours sincerely,
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