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Professor Mary O'Kane  
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Dear Professor O'Kane,

Re Term of reference 2) identify and assess any gaps in the identification and management of risk arising from coal seam gas exploration, assessment and production, particularly as they relate to human health, the environment and water Catchments.

On the Need for Baseline Water testing.

Our farm has had a test drill bored on our boundary. This bore was allowed to be drilled within 50m of a creek draining to the Richmond River. When applying for a water bore we were not allowed to drill down within 200m of the creek. This creek often floods and I have enclosed a photo of flooding well over where the Drill had been located.



In order for us to determine when our water gets polluted baseline testing is necessary.

In order for the EPA to ensure the appropriate compensation (not that water can be compensated for) is provided to the farmer baseline testing must be done.

In order for food producers to continue to provide food for Australians water must be protected.

Yours faithfully  
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