

Please accept my Submission on the Narrabri Coal Seam Gas Project I object to any CSG mining in the Area

I am a Sydney resident who cares about our environment and the maintaining of productive farm land in our vast nation.

My first real in depth analysis of Coal seam gas was an article in Time International a few years ago on Oklahoma in USA. The main interest was how this process is done and a by product of this is the amount of Seismic quakes that happen there which is larger in quantity and higher on the Richter scale than California at the time the story. Which prior to these operations had nothing.

As Australia is a barren country I believe water resources are our most precious and the Artesian basin needs to be protected at all costs. An example is in my area of Botany Bay where we used to have a bore for garden watering and filling our pool which became unusable due to pollution from the Chemical plants at Botany that has now polluted the Bays underground water table and I live a long way from this site.

My Uncle used to say the soil is that good on the Liverpool Plains you could grow babies in it I am not so sure about that but it is exceptionally good and needs protecting

The by products produced is another issue that is not addressed and the extra polluted ground soil will go somewhere or leach back into the water table

**Short term gain** is no excuse to allow this polluting operation because once the water is contaminated nothing can be done and more of Australia will become uninhabitable

Aboriginal culture sites should be protected at all costs as what happened in WA was a disgrace to every Australian ( 45 thousand year old site destroyed)

As the world is moving forward away from Fossil fuels now is not the time to be starting this polluting operation and leave a legacy for the future generations.

Regards Barry Melville

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