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These are my opinions that I wish you to consider in relation to Australia's position re Coal Seam Gas Exploration.

I am strongly opposed to this process for the following reasons:

1. The effect such a process will have on Climate due to the emission of Greenhouse gases.  
I am an elderly person who has very clear memories of the effects of this process experienced in the United States namely the pollution of underground water and the excessive amounts of salt that it produced.
2. Australia has several species of fauna in the Pilliga district, namely the pigmy possum, Koalas and Pilliga mouse. Surely these helpless creatures need protection from the threat of extinction, especially since they are so unique and powerless to protect themselves.
3. At this point in our History when we are doing our best to heal the wounds caused to our Aboriginal people. Since the Pilliga is home to many precious sights of importance to them, e.g. Burial Sights, Rock Shelters and historic sights and hearths.
4. There are obvious Social and Economic spinoffs—loss of jobs and income for low income Australians living in these areas. These include shortage of housing and high renting costs.
5. Farmers who are an extremely important source of our food supply are really worried about the negative effects on water supply especially the pollution of underground water in the Great Artesian Basin. Surely this resource needs protection! Stopping it before hand than trying to undo it later.