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INQUIRY INTO COAL SEAM GAS

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I have lived in the Kyogle area for 23 years grown to love this place deeply. I became very disturbed when the threat of Coal Seam Gas exploration came to the area. Since I have attended many of the meetings about Coal Seam Gas

One of the main threats I feel from this form of mining is ripping of rural communities. The shocked looks on the faces of the older farmers who have never in their lives been anything but upstanding, hardworking law abiding community members when they attend CSG meetings and get told that these mining companies can come on their land and mine it is heartbreaking.

These are my other concerns:

1. Depletion and contamination of ground water supplies from coal seam gas extraction.
2. Contamination of surface water with large volumes of toxic/saline water extracted from coal seams during gas production.
3. Loss and fragmentation of vegetation with associated impacts on native wild life and biodiversity.
4. LOSS OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL LAND from gas infrastructure.
5. Industrialisation of rural landscapes, with heavy machinery traffic, access roads and pipelines.
6. Risks to human health from toxic gases vented from gas wells and compressor stations, constant high level noise and chemical contamination of water.