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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my extreme concern over the coal seam gas industry both throughout the Murray-Darling basin and throughout Australia as a whole.

Coal seam gas is known to extract and contaminate vast amounts of water from the ground water supply and destabilise the land. My concern in this is the flow on affects that will be felt by people in the areas immediately surrounding the mines and the general population. Most of this proposed mining is taking place on prime agricultural land and in such threatens the very fabric of any food security we have in Australia. We will be looking at poisoned water feeding our plants which grow in contaminated soil. Our meat industry will suffer too, as has happened in the USA where they have had cases of cattle dying from drinking water contaminated by the gas extraction process.

This can not be allowed in any part of Australia, let along the Murray-Darling basin which the government has just spent billions of dollars trying to fix from the last batch of poor decision making.

Please let us learn from our mistakes and not risk our water. When you risk the water you risk everything, for there is no life without it.

Sincerely, A concerned citizen,  
Nerida Mills

