

Dear Senators and committee,

Coal Seam Gas mining and fracking must be banned.

Not only should we move away from all fossil fuels altogether, as we must stop burning all fossil fuels for energy to prevent planetary destruction, but fracking releases vast quantities of METHANE uncontrollably into the atmosphere. Methane is twenty times more potent at contributing to global warming than carbon dioxide. Please watch FRACKMAN the Movie as to the devastating effects of fracking. Also please visit the Chinchilla & the Condamine River which is now bubbling with METHANE that is now being released uncontrolled into the atmosphere. The real problem is: we can see the methane being released from the river bed in the Condamine River through it bubbling up through the water but we can't see it where there is no river. Vast amounts of methane are being released in Australia & the USA as a result of fracking. Severely poisoning the air and the water. Fracking also releases toxic chemicals as the ground fractures. Prior to fracking, the geology of the Earth keeps the toxic Fossil Fuels and other toxic chemicals sealed under the earth by impenetrable geology & the water table. By breaking this seal it releases these toxins into the water supply (rivers and the water table) and into the atmosphere. Do we want to contribute uncontrolled release of METHANE into the atmosphere, poison our water tables & lands & rivers and have pools of toxic deadly methane gathering on the ground & around our crops. Seriously, fracking & coal seam gas mining are so mind bogglingly stupid, I am lost for words. Please look at the facts, look at global warming, look at the damage already done. Please end it.

Thanks & Regards

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