

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the Tara Estate- Kenya gas field area in QLD.

Since CSG invaded our particular area in 2005/2006, my family-especially my children, have become sick.

Symptoms such as severe headaches, nosebleeds, skin rashes, burning itchy eyes, tingling of hands and feet have now become part of our everyday life.

I have since set up a support group for other impacted residents.

I now deal with at least 26 other impacted families, with all family members experiencing similar symptoms, symptoms consistent with others living in and around gas field areas both here in Australia and the U.S.

Garb canisters-provided by DERM, have detected many air contaminants which are quite concerning.

See attached.

Urine samples provided by a 3 year old child detected extremely high levels of hippuric acid- believed to be caused by toluene exposure.

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The QLD Government failed its duty of care in ensuring the CSG companies conducted baseline studies.

The QLD Government has failed its duty of care in protecting residents in gas field areas, they have not set up permanent air monitoring despite requests to do so.

The QLD Government are aware of health impacts in gas field areas and have failed to investigate.

I request the committee come to Tara and meet with impacted residents, and hear first hand experiences of living in a gas field.

Something the QLD Premier and health minister have so far refused to do.

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