

I wish to make a submission to the coal seam gas Senate inquiry.

My opinion is that gas is still a greenhouse gas and should not be mined. The resources should be put into long-term energy generation solutions such as wind, solar and short-term “solutions” such as nuclear. The basic problem is overpopulation.

Contemplating further use of energy generation involving greenhouse gases is a step in the wrong direction.

Even if we cut all greenhouse gas production tomorrow, the climate change effect set in motion by past human behaviour will only be slightly mitigated. Our children and grandchildren are in for very hard times. A responsible government will legislate to make things a little easier for them.

There is no “debate” about global warming. There is total consensus. Don’t be fooled by “merchants of doubt”. Global warming is simple. The greenhouse effect has been established since the 1850s as has the law of conservation of energy. That the increase in heat energy will make climate events more extreme is not a matter for debate. Only the details of rates of sea-level rise and desertification are complex and need debate.

Putting water resources at risk, even low risk, while further polluting the atmosphere with greenhouse gases is madness.