

Dear Sir,

As a passionate conservationist, a farmer , a physiotherapist with a special interest nutrition and wellness, and most importantly as a mother of two children I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed Coal Seam Gas exploration and drilling to occur in our area. After significant review of the literature, I , like many others in our area, believe Coal Seam Gas drilling poses a significant and IRREVERSIBLE threat to our health, our environment, our precious water resources, the viability of our agricultural industry and the sustainability of the current quality of life.

Government proposals to 'fine' Gas companies in breach of supposed 'environmental safeguards' will make absolutely no difference to environmental outcomes, should a catastrophe occur. Most environmental problems that exist today – such as over-allocation of water licences in the Murray-Darling system, and soil salinity from reckless clearing – have been caused by poor and short sighted public policy. Please do not allow another environmental and public health catastrophe occur, that may detrimentally effect generations to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Jane Vickery