

My main concern is that when temperatures increase things will dry out more and we will need more water. Water is one of the most precious resources that anyone can have in a hot dry climate.

It allows food to be grown and people to live. We need clean drinking water in order to sustain life and health.

(My industry sectors have been small time agriculture and health as a Registered Nurse.)

It appears wherever they do CSG fracking the process uses masses of water and it's allowing chemicals to leach into good underground water supplies. In NSW and QLD designated CSG fracking areas are enormous and it seems it's always near good water supplies and some springs and today when looking at mapping it seems earmarked to go even over part of the underlying Great Artesian Basin. "Its the key to life for about a quarter of the continent". I believe ABC has apparently approx over a year ago aired a program that showed significant concerns had been expressed about "depletion and chemical damage to the Great Artesian Basin as a result of coal seam gas extraction"

I feel we should not be allowing fracking to be done when there is no evidence that it is safe to our springs, water tables and catchments so that our future water supply is not impeded. I believe in Australia we will need to rely on more underground water for survival when it becomes drier as the climate changes.

I would please like this threat to our future water and consequences to health and agriculture from contaminated water or loss of water from local waterways and biggest catchments assessed in the inquiry for planning for our future.

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