

Dear Sir/Madam,

Here are my submissions regarding the inquiry into health of air quality in Australia

1. State planning processes should require proper health impact assessments before coal and gas mining is approved.
2. There should be mandatory baseline air quality monitoring and on-going monitoring of both particulate matter and other potentially dangerous substances during coal and gas mining.
3. Standards in the National Environment Protection Measures (NEPM) should be improved - standards on particulates should match those set by the World Health Organisation and standards should be introduced for emissions from gas production.
4. The Federal Government should introduce changes to enforce compliance with NEPM, possibly through their inclusion in the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Kind regards,

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