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We need better regulation of the mining sector, our air and water quality is vital for my family's health. Why is Asthma so prevalent in our society, most days I wake up with Irritated eyes and sinuses. My children suffer, these are not caused by mere natural allergens. More testing needs to be carried out, and tighter controls, on polluting industries, and residential areas close to busy roadways.

There are also serious concerns regarding fugitive Gas emissions,leaking fissures& pipes,in areas where Unconventional Gas mining is taking place. Also the Hunter Valley has a shocking history of air pollutants from heavy industry involved with open cut mining ,transportation and refining coal. Unless our Government acts now we are heading for more respiratory health problems, and disasterous for our enviornment.

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