

**Submission to Senate Standing Committee on Environment and  
Communication re Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015**

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I totally agree with the sentiments presented by this Bill. There is no way that a mining company should be allowed to enter a private person's property with a view to prospecting and/or mining on their land if the landowner refuses entry.

There are countless cases of global corporations riding roughshod over communities and this Bill would prevent that.

I also agree that hydraulic fracturing as a method of obtaining coal seam gas or shale oil gas should be banned nationwide in Australia. There are innumerable cases worldwide of the destruction of valuable farming land, pollution of waterways and even in some cases the triggering of earthquakes and mud slurries which have drowned villages following localised "fracking". We should instead be encouraging more renewable energy projects, which are infinite and non-polluting as opposed to the environmentally harmful fossil fuel industries.

Therefore I totally support this Bill

Yours sincerely

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