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Senator Urquhart asked:

Can you provide an update on the work of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Activities?

Answer:

In August 2014, the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC) published a review of its activities for the period December 2012 to June 2014. Since this Review, the IESC has held six formal meetings, providing advice to decision makers on 11 coal seam gas and large coal mining development projects, and continues to provide scientific advice to the Australian Government on the bioregional assessments, including their methodology, and other priority research to improve our understanding of the water related impacts of coal seam gas and large coal mining development. Information on the IESC, including the Review of activities - December 2012-June 2014 report, is available from its website www.iesc.environment.gov.au.