PETITION

To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales

The petition of citizens of New South Wales draws to the attention of the House to the :

- present and potential impacts CSG industry development is having on water quality, security, inter-aquifer contamination of the GAB, sub-artesian and shallow alluvium aquifers;
- inadequate management of CSG water and byproducts,
- disruption to agricultural businesses and culture due to CSG activities;
- inadequate legislation for 'make good' provisions, land access and compensation regimes governing the CSG industry;
- lack of support being given to our clean green food producers by State and Federal Governments.

Your petitioners therefore request the House to:

- Immediately implement an independent statutory body to oversee development of strict land and water legislation, based on science, with the objective of ensuring CSG does not adversely affect the environment or other existing water or property rights;
- ban all hydraulic fracturing and other means of stimulating gas flow until a proper risk analysis of the relevant coal formation and underground aquifers has been undertaken and appropriate supervision and conditioning implemented;
- Employ additional regional compliance staff to audit all CSG activities as per the existing legislation;
- Immediately commence maintenance of existing and new infrastructure, affected by the expansion of the CSG industries;
- Call for the revocation of the Commonwealth Government LNG export license approvals and immediately enact a moratorium on all future CSG activities until an independent peer-reviewed investigation into the long term environmental, social and infrastructure consequences of the CSG industry in NSW is undertaken.

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