

Petition of Northern Rivers residents against CSG, Tight Sands and Unconventional Gas.

This Petition was launched on Lismore Rally Day (12th May 2012).

Petition Summary:

“Petition of Northern Rivers residents to the Legislative Assembly of NSW.

We believe that the biodiversity, water resources, agricultural, sustainable industries, and the livelihoods and wellbeing of the people of the Northern Rivers, are directly threatened by the impacts of the exploration and extraction of coal seam gas and other forms of unconventional gas, including tight sands gas.

We ask the House to determine and declare that the Northern Rivers to be a coal seam gas (CSG), tight sands gas and unconventional gas mining free zone and that all current licenses and or leases that allow any such activity be revoked and no such new licenses or leases be granted.”

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TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The petition of residents of the Northern Rivers region of the State of New South Wales:

Brings to the attention of the House that the Northern Rivers region has been widely documented as a place of high biological diversity on the Australian continent. That the biodiversity of the Northern Rivers region is of international significance, but faces many serious threats to its continued existence and health. The Northern Rivers region is also home to several major river systems, each providing essential feeding and breeding habitat for a wide range of species, including migratory birds and valuable commercial fisheries. The high rainfall and fertile soils that characterize much of the Northern Rivers region support thriving and diverse agricultural industries, including beef and dairy cattle, varied food crops, horticulture, and timber plantations.

We believe that the biodiversity, water resources, and agricultural and sustainable industries, as well as the livelihoods and wellbeing of the people of the Northern Rivers region, are directly threatened by the impacts of the exploration and extraction of coal seam gas and other forms of unconventional gas, including tight sands gas. The growing body of evidence worldwide suggests the production of unconventional gas will leave a polluted legacy in the soil, water and natural environment and will create public health problems of unprecedented proportions. We the residents of the Northern Rivers region are best placed to protect this area now and for future generations.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to determine and declare that the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales, encompassing all river catchments, in their entirety, from the Clarence River to the Tweed, be declared a coal seam gas (CSG), tight sands gas and unconventional gas mining free zone and that all current licenses and or leases that allow any such activity be revoked and no such new licenses or leases be granted.

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