

Impacts on health and environment of coal seam gas

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The NSW Chief Scientist, Dear sir/madam,

As a resident of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley I have grave concerns about the effects of CSG on our environment. The Hunter valley, which was a prime agricultural district, has been been severely impacted upon by coal mining and now faces a further threat through the CSG industry. As a health professional I am aware of health impacts of residents of this valley with current mining and further independent information needs to be sourced to evaluate the effects of CSG mining.

The other area of concern is contamination of water, especially a major concern in the Gloucester area. Once a water source is contaminated I understand there is no way it can be repaired or remediated - however, this is the sort of information that needs to be sourced and discussed publicly. Can you please commission more independent research, to be discussed with NSW residents and the government which serves them before any further decisions are made.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Curby