

Plea for scientific objectivity gkgw to: csg.review

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This message has been replied to and forwarded.

To the NSW Chief Scientist in charge of the environmental impact study of coal seam gas in NSW,

As a resident of Gloucester NSW, an area state earmarked for CSG exploration, I understand the State's desire to find new sources of energy giving the rise of energy costs but fear for the health of the earth, water and air in our valley...and for my personal health, should CSG go forward in the Gloucester area.

Like coal, CSG is also a non-renewable energy source and one that according to recent scientific reports from the US is accompanied by as detrimental impacts on human health and the environment as coal. Why should our government pursue such an option, if there are other options available that are less damaging on the environment.

I hope and wish that your office will be free of political and special interest pressures to objectively study the impact of csg activities on the environment as well as on human health. And that your study will be based on truly independent sources of information and sound scientific reasoning and not rely on self-serving industry information and data.

The people in the Gloucester area are counting on your office to tell the truth, grounded in science, so as to guide the NSW Government to make the right decision on csg for the long-term benefits of us and of our children and grand-children.

Regards,

Geoff Walton & Gaby Klika