Committee Secretary:

Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport

Greetings,
I am moved to write to you after hearing news of the approval of drilling to begin in the Gloucester area for Coal Seam Gas Mining. Such decisions are reprehensible in the extreme considering the damage to several layers of geophysical support stratum, and the irretrievable effects upon groundand surface water in regions accross the country where these practices are being allowed by state and federal government. Not only this but the public outcry against them is obviously representative of a broad sector of the community in it's concerns. Rural and forested Australia is being attacked and we, the people, do not want this invasion. Those whose decisions are responsible for this are gaining admission onto private land by lying about their intentions and purposes. Approvals that they gain from government sectors are in direct opposition to the will of the people who are being faced by the conditions these processes of extraction are imposing upon them and their families and their communities and their futures. I implore you and your inquiry to stridently oppose any of this mining, or any grave polluting practices of modern industry, in any way that you all can. It is imperative that you represent the relationship between the people of this land and the land itself, it's ability to support life of any kind is compromised in no uncertain terms by a plethora of these practices and the proof of my words is undeniable, the damage is apparent to alland exponentially worsening. This rash of Coal Seam Gas drilling is targetting the nadir of our most pure water sources and healthy forest ecosystems. It is akin to cutting the strings of a delicate web at the centre and expecting the rest to hold. The isolated places these companies are appropriating are to be devastated by the drilling and the building of extensive pipelines through all sorts of country and property. This is not infrastructure - it is unsupportable vandalism of the most *criminal* degree.

Sincerely Yours,
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