This is our submission about the Coal Seam Gas Industry in Australia.

Since gas activity has commenced in our area, many people appear to have symptoms similar to those who reside in and around the gas fields in the U.S, where residents are being poisoned by water contamination and air pollution, believed to be caused by gas mining activities.

So far no health studies have been done, or are in place in Australia in relation to Coal Seam Gas mining, especially in residential areas.

We have concerns about the leaking gas wells in our area.
Given the amount that have been found to be leaking, and we are only at the beginning of the project, we are concerned that once the project is in its final stages, with all the proposed gas wells in place, that if even half of them leak at even minute levels, with the minimal distances between each one, that surely many minute amounts would add up to significant levels in one area, becoming more of a risk to residents.
We don't see how any leakages can be acceptable, especially when close to residents!

What of the product water that QGC have been found to be dumping on our roads as dust suppression?

Surely this runs the risk of contaminating peoples properties and domestic water supplies?

Same as the allowable discharge into our water ways.
Does reverse osmosis remove all organic and volatile compounds from the product water before it is discharged into water ways, especially as the treated water is going to be Chinchilla towns drinking water supply?

Toowoomba Council previously refused to consider CSG water as a town water supply as some of the chemicals in the product water were known carcinogenics.

http://www.toowoombawater.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=98&Itemid=70
(Contact Toowoomba City Council as web page has been removed)

What about the people who don't want to live in a gas field, and are unable to sell up and move as the CSG industry has devalued properties?

What have they got to look forward to- health issues relating to living in a gas field?
Water contamination, air pollution, noise and light pollution.
Residential areas, should not be turned into poisonous industrial zones.

QGC have applied to increase their noise levels. The noise levels in place now are unbearable to an adult, let alone to the children who live in the area.
What about sleep deprivation? We have already experienced this from the drilling 24/7 and the many trucks travelling past our homes all hours of the day and night.
This impacts on everybody, Children due to lack of sleep,are unable to concentrate at school, workers are too tired to do their job properly, possibly a Work place health and safety issue. Drivers are too tired, also a major safety issue.

Our water and food security are being put at risk, our country is being turned into one big mining zone.

We believe there are just too many problems with this industry, that are just not worth the risk to our future.

We are members of the Lock the Gate Alliance, and will continue to protest and create civil disobedience until a moratorium is called.

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