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The Committee Secretary,
Senate Standing Committee on Rural Affairs & Transport
Canberra.

To Whom it May Concern.

We, as farmers and graziers wish to point out some of the dangers in allowing coal seam gas to go ahead.

1. Saline water spillage leading to salt scalds and contaminated soils.
2. Overflow of drill ponds leading to contamination of creeks
- 3.. Potential de-watering and cross-contamination of aquifers, including the Great Artesian Basin.
4. Discharge of treated water changing the ecology of local creek systems and reducing water quality
5. Use of large volumes of water for drilling and fracking, leading to increased pressure on water resources
6. Construction of major toxic water storage impoundments and associated environmental impacts
7. Toxic water storages left open to wildlife, leading to animal deaths (sheep & cattle)
8. Dramatically increased fire risk
9. Threats to important groundwater dependent ecosystems and wetlands.
10. Pipelines degrading important agricultural lands and risking high conservation value areas such as travelling stock routes.

We would ask you and your committee to look at the problems listed as we could not conduct an efficient farming and grazing enterprise with this sort of activity going on .

Yours faithfully

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