To whom it concerns,

As a member of a young farming family that lives and farms at Burren Junction, in north west NSW, I would like to submit to the Inquiry our deepest
fears for the continued practises of our lives and livelihood, if Coal Seam Gas, exploration and extraction is allowed on our landholdings in the district.

We are dryland, broadacre farmers. The crops grown on our farm include Prime Hard wheat, chickpeas, fababeans, barley, canola, sorghum, sunflowers and dryland cotton. All crops are rotationally grown using zero tillage, controlled farming practices, encompassing industry BMP, and most importantly, sustainably utilise, store and manage water in the most efficient manner.

With CSG explorations commencing in our area, I am concerned for the future of our family farm, our children's dreams and aspirations to continue farming these self mulching black soil plains, and the subsequent implications for the local communities.

I want you to treasure them, the way I do. If you state "but we do" ,show them, by allowing them to continue their work, unhindered by the endless threat of Coal Seam Gas, approaching us for access, using subtle threats cloaked in niceness, as to the fact that they, the Coal Seam Gas company, has the "right" to come onto our land and infringe our right to farm effectively for ouselves and ultimately this country.

Legislated property rights for farmers, to refuse mining companies taking over our land , is the only democratic answer.

Please do not sell or allow our and the future generations ability to provide clean healthy food to this country and for export go down the drain. You cannot eat GAS.

Thank you,

Sarah Ball