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To whom it may concern.

Despite the decision already made I would like to submit my concern to the proposed expansion of Apex Energy's coal seam gas exploration.

There is global concern about the impact of the technology and methods employed to extract gas from rock and coal seams. Much of this has to do with the contamination of groundwater. I consider any threat to the purity of ground water to be reason enough to halt any exploration in regions that are considered to be sensitive.

There are insufficient regulations in place to protect a critical resource that is increasingly becoming scarce. Apex's application poses a threat to Sydney's water supply and should be halted immediately.

Other points I would like to make are:

- The AI19 borehole is in an important Sydney water catchment area and located in pristine bushland.
- Extensive clearing of fragile bushland will be necessary around the well site
- Exploration should not be allowed as it leads to expectations of full scale production.
- Overseas experience has shown ground water contamination and its impact on human and animal health to be considerable.

Natural gas or Coal Seam Gas exploration should not be permitted until there is absolute guarantee that it will have no impact on ground water and the environment

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