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RE: Apex Gas Exploration Project Mod 2 - Application Number 07_0103 MOD2

Rivers SOS is an alliance of over 45 groups throughout NSW committed to the protection of river systems and water sources against the impacts of extractive industries.

Rivers SOS opposes this application for the following reasons:

1. Sydney's drinking water catchment is unsuitable for CSG exploration and production. Allowing this development to go ahead contradicts the pre-election promise from Barry O'Farrell: "The next Liberal/National Government will ensure that mining cannot occur... in any water catchment area, and will ensure that mining leases and mining exploration permits reflect that common sense; no ifs, no buts, a guarantee."
2. The Illawarra Escarpment is a high risk bush fire area, exacerbated by its highly combustible peat base. Indeed, in August 2012 a bush fire burnt through AI09 and AI10 in this project. Extracting and piping gas in this environment will increase fire risks.
3. The development of this coal seam gas project is being layered on top of extensive underground coal mining and a fault line, without an assessment of the combined impacts. Existing coal mining already has resulted in unacceptable intrusion of surface infrastructure such as roads, power lines and vent shafts into the otherwise pristine Special Areas which have been set aside for the protection of Sydney's drinking water.

It would be quite reckless to permit yet more of this intrusion which would accompany the drilling of gas wells. The 16 exploratory wells would be bad enough but the likelihood of this becoming a production gas field with 150-200 wells, as quoted in the media last week, would seriously compromise the area's function as a so-called "Special Area". Not only would the surface be criss-crossed with a spider web of connecting roads, but the impacts on aquifers, some of which are already being damaged by longwall coal mining, are unknown and unquantified and therefore the development should not be allowed.

Yours faithfully,
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Submission for Job: #5550 Apex Gas Exploration Project Mod 2

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