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Content:
 Project Application No. MP 07_0103 MOD 2,

Dear Sir/Madam,
 I would like to formally object to Apex Energy's Modification No 2.

Industrial activity and risk taking of any kind is neither appropriate nor acceptable in the catchment lands set aside as Schedule 1 Special Areas to protect the drinking water of Greater Sydney, the Illawarra and the Southern Highlands. More than 60% of the population of NSW depends on the health of the Special Areas.

Sydney is extremely fortunate to have the remarkable and still largely pristine catchment area on its southern doorstep. The shameful damage that has been inflicted on these areas by longwall coal mining bears damning and lasting testimony to the royalty-shaped policies of next-election focussed governments. The community is of course very well aware of this conflict of interest and has little trouble seeing through the masking language woven to justify decisions that are not in the long term public interest.

The impacts of coal seam gas operations have been widely reported and documented. The catchment lands supplying water to Greater Sydney and the Illawarra should never be subjected to these polluting processes. Reflecting this "common sense", there is a ground swell of opposition to coal seam gas mining in the catchments, with large rallies and a petition that now has more than 30,000 signatures. Wollongong City Council, Sutherland Shire Council, Campbelltown City Council and many other councils in NSW are opposed to coal seam gas development. Towns and districts are declaring CSG free zones. Collectively, we have an intergenerational responsibility to ensure water security and biodiversity into the uncertain future. Filtration and desalination plants are an inadequate and costly replacement for a remarkable natural system that has been in operation for millennia.

The Coastal Upland Swamps of the Special Areas are complex and highly fragile ecosystems hosting biodiversity of international standing, and are vital catchment components that store and filter water. The high quality drinking water that Sydney and its nearby regions enjoy depends on the health of the swamp communities.

I state that I have not made donations to any political party.

Your Faithfully

Gavin Workman

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 Submission: Online Submission from Gavin Workman (object)
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Submission for Job: #5550 Apex Gas Exploration Project Mod 2
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