


## Jessie Giblett - Submission Details for Maurice Dowson (object)

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Content:  
Dear Sir/Madam,

I understand that APEX Energy has apparently applied for a 3 year extension to their Coal Seam Gas entitlements, due to expire on 22 September, 2012, resulting from Part 3A of the NSW Planning Act under the disgraced Labor State Government.

I hereby lodge my OBJECTION to granting any approvals which could allow CSG drilling in our local Illawarra region, for the following reasons.

a) The Illawarra region north of Wollongong is a major collection source of DRINKING water for many thousands of citizens, and proposed CSG operations pose a high-risk threat to the future health of those consumers.

b) The chemicals injected sub-surface, into water tables and aquifers by CSG are recognised as being quite toxic, even carcinogenic. Saline tailings and wastes generated by CSG are also very damaging to the existing natural environment.

c) There is NO credible scientist who could GUARANTEE that there would be no future health risk from CSG operations in these areas.

d) These Illawarra areas are recognised as high BUSHFIRE RISK areas, and CSG operations constitute an obvious pathway for instigating bushfires. It was only a few years ago (Christmas Day 2001) that Helensburgh was partially evacuated due to wildfires, said to have been started by Integral Energy power lines as far away as Appin. Those wildfires destroyed houses at Stanwell Tops, and very nearly caused fatalities.

e) It is widely known that methane is more than 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide, as a 'Greenhouse Gas', and unburnt escapes to the atmosphere, into the far-distant future from abandoned wells, cannot be fully captured.

f) The general public is excluded from these Water Catchment areas, with signs warning of \$11,000 fines, but CSG wastes would obviously be far more toxic than anything the normal general public would generate.

g) The Illawarra is renowned for its scenic beauty - CSG well sites leave a trail of unsightly visual destruction.

### CONCLUSION

Clearly, CSG operations MUST be EXCLUDED from Sydney's drinking water catchments.

It would be sheer insanity for ANY Government to risk the future health of the populace, by granting approval to such controversial activities.

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