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The only appropriate course of action at this time is a ban on coal seam gas exploration or development in this area.

The development of this resource is entirely in the interests of the gas companies and entirely against the interests of the owners of the gas, ie: the people of Australia.

My reasons are as follows:

1. the current technology carries an unacceptable risk to water and soil. Given the dire consequences of soil and / or water contamination, even a very small likelihood of contamination is unacceptable. We can live without this gas. We cannot live without our water and soil resources. Therefore, the security of our water and soil resources MUST take priority over gas exploration and development.
2. The gas is a non-renewable resource owned by the people of Australia. Once extracted, it will not be available for future use. As this is a "one-opportunity" resource, we should be absolutely sure that we are making the best possible use of it. Selling it overseas to be burned hardly counts as appropriate use.
3. Resource extraction companies have a demonstrated track-record of acting only in their own interests. Currently, legislation is not strong enough to hold them in check and protect the interests of the resources' owners. Before we can consider allowing our mineral and fossil-fuel resources to be extracted and sold, we must be sure that our long-term interests are being protected. Currently this is not the case.
4. Fossil-fuel and mineral resources will not deteriorate in quality if they are left in the ground. There is no rush to develop them - except as far as the mining companies are concerned. Therefore, there is plenty of time for better technologies to be developed, and we should wait until this has happened before reviewing the situation.

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