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Content:

I would like to strongly petition against the request for extension in the Apex Gas Exploration Project.

I, and many of my friends and colleagues, are deeply concerned by the risks that CSG mining poses from an environmental and public health perspective. While the science is still non-conclusive, there is a growing body of evidence pointing to the severe detrimental effects of CSG mining on water catchments and on the health of locals. In Australia, we simply cannot afford any risk to our water catchments.

Further to this, I am conscious that the Premier has acknowledged the inadequacies of current development and approval legislation, and so it would be entirely inappropriate to grant a licence for development in this legislative context.

You will of course already be aware of the sustained and significant public outcry both in the Illawarra region and more broadly in Sydney concerning this project - this alone should be compelling in its case to not allow the development application to go through.

I strongly oppose this development, and vigorously encourage you to reject it in its entirety.

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[https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view\\_diary&id=41513](https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_diary&id=41513)

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[https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view\\_job&id=5550](https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_job&id=5550)

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