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An indefinite start date on work is an irresponsible proposal. Development must always be considered in the context of the surrounding area. This can change over time.

Moreover, the risks of CSG mining are well evidenced. CSG mining involves land clearing, gas leaks, contaminated water and industrial development. It draws water to the surface that is saline, contains methane and can contain toxic and radioactive compounds and heavy metals. Moreover, the current legislation is not adequate to manage development of the industry. In this context, no new applications or modifications should be approved and existing projects should be frozen, to conduct an investigation into the full impacts of CSG development.

Furthermore, given the particular impacts and risks of CSG development, It should not be allowed in the drinking water catchment.. Indeed, 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." On December 1, 2011 he also told 2GB's Alan Jones: "In a December 1 interview, now NSW Premier, O'Farrell told 2GB's Alan Jones: "I don't intend to allow -- particularly after the drought we went through over a decade -- mining or any other activity to threaten water resources" and "[CSG] exploration licences have been granted, in some cases permission to mine has been granted, in areas, frankly, that should never ever have been on the list."

This project should never have been on the list.

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, posing risks to the catchment and homes.

The development of this CSG project is also being layered on top of extensive coal mining and a fault line, without an assessment of the combined impacts.

Finally, there is widespread public opposition to CSG exploration and mining in the area. This includes a public petition of over 30,000 signatures, formal votes against CSG mining by local councils and two actions opposing CSG development attended by over 3,000 people each.

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