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I ask that the NSW Government does not grant an extension to the Apex coal seam gas entitlements for the following reasons:

1. It was an election promise by the O Farrell team that this would not occur.
 2. Increased fire risk and intensity to our area when it is already prone to fire because of the natural bushland that surrounds us. Methane gases will increase the likely hood of fires. Only last month did a fire start at Bulli Tops Well site and quickly spread to Darkes Forest. Our lives and homes would be in serious danger in case of catastrophic fires. It is a fact that lives are lost in Australian bush fires, remember Victoria?
 3. These sites will be constructed across the upper Illawarra escarpment causing a huge increase of heavy truck usage. this in turn will destroy the bushland, increase pollution and devalue the quality of life for humans and animals alike.
 4. Drilling will be occurring within the protected water catchment areas for Sydney and Illawarra. If this water is contaminated, as it has been in many areas of Queensland, there are no alternatives except billions having to be spent on more d-salination plants. In turn our water rates will be astronomical. Native bird life and animal life will be affected, farms, crops etc. This is the source of life!
 5. There could be damage to the sandstone geology on which our aquifers sit.
 6. Our local environment will be ruined by the drill sites. The quality of our children's and our lives will be diminished by the noise pollution, the increased chance of disasters and the possible threat to our health and well being.
 7. The drop that will occur in the market value of our homes and properties.
 8. The damage these wells will cause to wildlife populations. The areas around our suburb is mostly bush. We need these to protect our natural heritage.
 9. The Royal National park adjoins this area. What damage will occur to our oldest PROTECTED area? The green corridor that exists must be protected at all costs. There is no turning back when its all ruined. Is that the legacy the OFarrell government want's to be remembered for?
 10. No guarantees have been made that our lives will be safe in case of an explosion.
 11. Tourism in the area will be affected, in turn, lost revenue, in turn loss of jobs. Will Apex offer those people jobs?
 12. Money is not the only thing that counts. Whilst the promises by Apex may be tempting, to a government with huge debts, the consequences if our environment and our water supply are contaminated will be insurmountable.
- for all the reason above it is imperative that extensions are not granted to APEX Energy.

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