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Submitted to **Independent review of the 'water trigger' legislation**

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TOR 1: Examine the appropriateness of the regulation including whether it is necessary and well targeted

3 Is there a significant likelihood of a substantial negative environmental impact from coal seam gas and large coal mining development on water resources in the absence of the water trigger legislation?

Yes

Please tell us why:

Yes, mining companies have one goal and that is to make profits, if there is no legislation to protect water resources they will plough ahead and end up destroying water resources as they are doing in the Pilliga forest (and other places) right now.

Much of the damage that is done is irreversible and will affect many people, farmers, local people and beyond, it is also possible it could destroy farming in Australia.

4 Is the scope and focus of the legislation appropriate to the problem being addressed?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

Not aware of the full scope of the legislation but am concerned about any flaws or loop holes in legislation that could be used to circumvent laws which eventually lead to environmental devastation, much focus needs to be given to any laws which protect water resources and the environment.

5 Are there significant gaps in the scope or intent of the legislation?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

Not aware of the full scope of the legislation but am concerned about any flaws or loop holes in legislation that could be used to circumvent laws which eventually lead to environmental devastation, much focus needs to be given to laws which are to protect water resources and the environment.

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TOR 2: Effectiveness of the regulation in protecting water resources from the impacts of coal seam gas and large coal mining projects, including the role and scope of work given to the IESC

7 In your opinion has the water trigger legislation been effective in protecting water resources potentially and actually affected by relevant developments?

Uncertain

Please tell us why::

I am unaware of the history of water trigger legislation but am concerned that not enough is being done to protect water resources, the Pilliga is being drilled for coal seam gas as we speak and yet an aquifer has been contaminated and a paltry fine imposed, we need to do better than this.

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TOR 3: Identify any opportunities to improve the effectiveness of the regulation

9 Are there gaps in the scope of the legislation that reduce its effectiveness in protecting water resource from relevant developments?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

I am unaware of gaps in the scope of the legislation but am concerned that not enough is being done to protect water resources, the Pilliga is being drilled for coal seam gas as we speak and yet an aquifer has been contaminated and a paltry fine imposed, we need to do better than this.

10 Are there opportunities to improve the clarity of the legislation? This could include responses concerning the definitions of actions which are covered by the legislation, and whether the approval conditions on those developments provide benefit in protecting water resources.

Yes

Please tell us what type/s of opportunities may improve the clarity of the legislation:

Yes, I only found out about this today, this is such a huge issue and yet the media don't seem to cover it.

11 Are there improvements that could be made to the way in which advice is sought by the Australian Government from the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC) that could increase the efficiency of processes required as part of the water trigger?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

Unaware of these processes, I am just a layman but there must be no financial influence from mining companies and these bodies.

12 Were stakeholders appropriately involved in the implementation of the water trigger legislation?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

13 Please upload additional information relating to TOR 3 here if you wish

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TOR 4: Examine the efficiency of the regulation in protecting water resources from the impacts of coal seam gas and large coal mining projects

14 Have there been additional administrative compliance and delay costs arising from the water trigger that have affected business, community organisations and individuals?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

15 Has the water trigger been beneficial in providing environmental outcomes, community confidence in the regulatory system of applying science to decision-making and management of environmental risk?

No

Please tell us why:

NO, just look at projects such as the Pilliga and the Leard Forest, environmental and water resource disasters in the making.

16 Has the water trigger delivered an overall benefit when regulatory costs are compared to the environmental and other benefits?

Uncertain

Tell us why:

17 Have there been additional administrative and other costs to governments arising from the implementation of the water trigger?

Uncertain

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TOR 5: Identify any opportunities to reduce or simplify the regulation whilst maintaining its effectiveness

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Uncertain

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TOR 6: Identify any recommended appropriate future review points of the regulation

19 Are there particular points in time, outside the statutory schedule for the review of the EPBC Act (reviewed every 10 years from commencement) that should be considered as review points for the water trigger?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

Personal information

20 What is your name?

First name:

██████

Last name:

██████

21 I wish to make this submission anonymously

Yes

22 Contact details

Email address:

████████████████████

Mailing address:

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Postcode:

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23 What is your organisation (if applicable)?

Organisation:

24 What has been your involvement with the Water Trigger legislation?

I am interested because of my environmental concerns/I am responding on behalf of an environmental group., Other (please describe)

Please describe:

Projects such as the Narrabri Pilliga project have the potential to destroy Australian farming

25 How did you hear about the water trigger review?

Word of mouth

If other, how?:

26 Rate the following sources of information regarding the water trigger review.

rank - Department of the Environment website:

Neutral

rank - Issues Paper:

Neutral

27 Which of the following sources of information do you find useful for information on coal seam gas and coal mining?

Rate sources of information - Media:

Neutral

Rate sources of information - Government:

Not useful

Rate sources of information - Scientific and research bodies such as CSIRO and universities:

Neutral

Rate sources of information - Information from community groups and peak bodies (eg websites, newsletters):

Useful

Rate sources of information - Informal sources such as word of mouth:

Useful