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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:

The damage is already being done. This MUST be STOPPED NOW!!!

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

No

Please tell us why:

MORE needs to be done to STOP the coal seam gas. The future of Australia is at stake here.

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

Yes

Please tell us why:

It's beyond the worst possible nightmares of any human being on this planet. Toxic water for all. It's Armageddon. It's the end of humanity. The end of all animals in the region. The end of clean air. It's not acceptable. The coal seam gas in the artesian basin must NOT go ahead. Now, or ever.

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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?

No

Please tell us why::

More needs to be done. This mining must NOT go ahead. End of story.

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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?

Yes

Please tell us why:

End the mining all together. Completely. Stop. Enough. No Pilliga Mining at all. Ever.

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:

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?

Yes

Please tell us why:

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

Yes

Please tell us why:

Too much! The only ones not being considered here are the animals, the plants, the children. The stake holders, shareholders, money bags are the only ones being considered here. What about the future of the planet???

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?

Yes

Please tell us why:

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

Yes

Tell us why:

The project must end all together. No more mining!

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

Uncertain

Tell us why:

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

18 Are there any opportunities to reduce or simplify the regulation whilst maintaining its effectiveness?

Uncertain

Please tell us more:

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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:

Clare

Last name:

McCulloch

21 I wish to make this submission anonymously

Not Answered

22 Contact details

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Mailing address:

[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

23 What is your organisation (if applicable)?

Organisation:

Small Business Owner

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

I am a landowner not directly affected., I am a resident of a community not affected but I am interested in giving my views on the matter., I am interested because of my environmental concerns/I am responding on behalf of an environmental group.

Please describe:

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:

Not useful

rank - Issues Paper:

Not useful

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:

Not useful

Rate sources of information - Government:

Not useful

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

Useful

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