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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:

High probability of, killing an irreplaceable, rare lineage of GDE. GDE being of HIGH IMPORTANCE working to purify and clean our water of the bacteria that grow there are detrimental to water safety. I insist that conservation of our environment come before the immediate gratification of 'dollars now' and 'jobs' that will never replace GDE, Aquifers, the Water Table, Threatened and Endangered Plant and Animals, and Peoples Health and Livelihood that CSG and Coal mining risks. I request you follow GDE Policy and protect 'the Little Guy'.

Other considerations go to include:

Over Water Usage/Theft of Water. - potential to drain our water table leaving parched dry barren landscapes fueling catastrophic Fire Conditions.

Consistent Monitoring of both the water and GDE must be done outside of and independent of the mining companies or anyone associated with the organisations and running of these companies; including family members.

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

No

Please tell us why:

Mining Companies WILL:

- STEAL very large amounts of Water
- DEPRESSURIZE & DAMAGE ■Aquifers■ with no way of repairing them
- POISON & DRAIN our ■Bore, ■Rivers, ■Creeks■ & ■Streams■
- ENDANGER and KILL significant ■Underground Water Dependant Ecosystems■ ■Stygofauna■ which ■Purify Our Water■ with no way of replacing them
- KILL ■Threatened And Endangered Species■ ■Fauna■ & ■Flora■
- leave behind ■Highly Carcinogenic Chemicals■ in our ■Soil■, ■Water■ & ■Air■ that will make its way into our ■Farmlands■ & ■FoodBowl■
- make people SICK with the potential to CAUSE DEATH

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

Yes

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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::**

Guilty of:

- LACK OF SCIENCE conducted into GROUNDWATER ECOSYSTEMS IN AUSTRALIA & NEW SOUTH WALES!
- LACK OF SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE MONITORING by OUR Government & Industries 'PRIOR APPROVAL'S' of MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS cause SUBSTANTIAL IRREVERSIBLE AQUIFER DAMAGE
- LACK OF 'GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL UNDERSTANDING' by 'DECISION MAKERS' on Groundwater, its Ecosystems & it's Connectivity throughout the Landscape;
- LACK OF APPRECIATION of GROUNDWATER'S ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS & CONSERVATION VALUE.

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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?**

Not Answered

**Please tell us why:**

**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.**

Not Answered

**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?**

Not Answered

**Please tell us why:**

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

Not Answered

**Please tell us why:**

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**Personal information**

**20 What is your name?**

**First name:**

Michelle

**Last name:**

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**21 I wish to make this submission anonymously**

Not Answered

**22 Contact details**

**Email address:**

**Mailing address:**

**Postcode:**

**23 What is your organisation (if applicable)?**

**Organisation:**

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

I am a landowner not directly affected.

**Please describe:**

**25 How did you hear about the water trigger review?**

Word of mouth, Other (please describe)

**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:**

Not useful

**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