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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:

We farm in the upper Namoi region and rely on groundwater for our production of free range eggs , beef cattle and crops. Santos identify that there proposed development will impact on our groundwater>

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

No

Please tell us why:

We need more protection of agricultural production and the environment.

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

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

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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::

It is better than no protection, however, developments are still beinf approved. eg extension to Whitehaven's Werris Creek mine and now we have no water in Quipolly Creek. This is a disaster for our community and must not be allowed to extend to other areas.

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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:

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:

Actually we need governments with the courage to say no to unsustainable developments which destroy the environment.

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

Yes

Please tell us why:

Tony Windsor communicated well with his electorate at the time.

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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?

Yes

Please tell us why:

Farmers are living with uncertainty and are anxious about investing in farms which could be stranded without water.

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?

Uncertain

Please tell us why:

Certainly an improvement , however, we need more protection.

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

Yes

Tell us why:

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:

Perhaps govt could say no to coal and csg which damage aquifers.

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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:

5 years review could be better.

Personal information

20 What is your name?

First name:

Roger

Last name:

Ranclaud

21 I wish to make this submission anonymously

Yes

22 Contact details

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Mailing address:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Postcode:

[REDACTED]

23 What is your organisation (if applicable)?

Organisation:

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

I am a landowner directly affected by current coal seam gas/large coal exploration or extraction on my land., I am a landowner potentially affected by coal seam gas/large coal exploration or extraction., I am a resident of a community where coal seam gas/large coal projects are imminent or current.

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:

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:

Useful

Rate sources of information - Government:

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