



Environmental Implications of Coal Seam Gas and coal-to-liquids projects

Public Forum

Monday 22 November

Speakers and Panellists Include:

- **Professor Ian Lowe**, President & Forum Chairperson of ACF.
- **Emeritus Professor Clive Bell**, UQ and former Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Minerals Extension and Research
- **Dr John Standley**, OAM, formerly of Dept Natural Resources and Mines
- **Mr John Hillier**, former Dept Natural Resources hydrologist
- Friends of Felton, Jimbour Action Group, Caroon Coal Action Group Basin Sustainability Alliance
- Government and Industry representatives

Coal seam gas extraction, coal mining and coal to liquids projects proposed for SE Queensland and the Liverpool Plains in NSW could cause irreversible destruction of some of the most productive prime agricultural lands in Australia. CSG extraction releases large amounts of saline water and could affect the water storage aquifers including the Great Artesian Basin on which farmers and towns depend. Aquifers and streams could be contaminated with salt and toxic organic chemicals. Coal to liquids requires large open cut mining and very large amounts of water. Requirements for undertaking two CSG projects by Santos and Queensland Gas Company have been recently released by the Commonwealth Government to complement existing guidelines but will they prevent disasters occurring? Can agriculture and mining co-exist in these regions?

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