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## **Human Sign: Protect H2O, Stop CSG!**

**On October 21 Stop CSG Illawarra will host it's second human sign to stop coal seam gas (CSG). Historic actions to stop CSG in the Illawarra last year - at Austinmer Beach and the Sea Cliff Bridge - helped to freeze the local CSG project and make waves across the country. Following a slew of broken promises by the state government last month and a failure to rule out CSG development in drinking water catchments, organisers expect this action to be even bigger. Stop CSG Illawarra spokesperson Jess Moore stated:**

"The state government has given the green light to CSG in NSW. Fracking's back on and exploration across five million hectares in NSW has been renewed.

"No part of NSW – not the land where food is grown, not our water catchments – has been ruled out to CSG development.

"Community action is the only thing that can stop this. October 21 is the day to stand up and be counted, and help the campaign win!

"We need to act together now and create a message so big our government can't ignore it."

**The sign will conclude a national week of action to stop CSG. Participants will spell out "Protect H2O, Stop CSG!" to highlight and oppose the plan to put 150-200 wells in and around our drinking water catchment. Moore continued:**

"O'Farrell promised to ban exploration and mining in the drinking water catchment. This was - quite clearly - a lie.

"CSG mining involves land clearing, gas leaks, contaminated water and industrial development. It should be ruled out in drinking water catchments.

"We need a science-first approach to CSG, that puts facts before development.

"Water is more important than gas."

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**Barry O'Farrell promises to rule out mining in catchments: <http://vimeo.com/50130520>**

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Sunday October 21, 11am (for noon photo shoot)

Bulli Showground, Grevillea Park Road (off Princes Highway), Bulli

**Full details: <http://stop-csg-illawarra.org/2012/protect-h2o-stop-csg/>**

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