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Over 15,000 people to tell Premier to stop CSG

On Tuesday November 22, people concerned about coal seam gas (CSG) will deliver a petition, signed by over 15,000 NSW residents, to Premier Barry O'Farrell. The NSW-wide petition, initiated by Stop CSG Illawarra, calls on the Government to put in place:

- An immediate moratorium on all CSG projects;
- A Royal commission into the full impacts of CSG; and
- An immediate ban on fracking.

Stop CSG Illawarra member Chris Williams stated: "Premier O'Farrell has pledged that any petition with over 10,000 signatures will trigger a debate in parliament.

"Stop CSG campaigners across the state will present more than 15,000 signatures in person, as well as demonstrate community opposition.

"The spotlight must shine on this debate as communities remind the government who they work for!"

Stop CSG Illawarra member Jess Moore added: "There is now more than enough evidence that CSG mining brings problems, including threats to water systems and supplies, leaking methane, health impacts, land clearing and industrialisation and causing earthquakes and subsidence.

"This evidence shows the need for an immediate moratorium on all CSG projects and a royal commission into the full impacts of the industry.

"A ban on fracking is also needed. No practice that fractures underground systems, can cause earthquakes and involves the direct contamination of large quantities of fresh water, much of which escapes into the environment, should be allowed to proceed."

On Tuesday, March 22, stop CSG campaigners will meet at 12 noon in Hyde Park (next to St James Station) and march to State Parliament (Macquarie Street) for a 1pm handover. Speakers will include Drew Hutton, President of Lock the Gate; Jess Moore, Stop CSG Illawarra; and other community speakers.

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