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MPs sign CSG moratorium petition

Member for Keira Ryan Park, and Member for Heathcote Lee Evans, have signed the petition initiated by Stop CSG Illawarra calling on the NSW 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 spokesperson Jess Moore commented:

"The campaign to stop CSG set out to target all MPs and the tide is beginning to turn.

"It's just plain common sense to show caution when it comes to water, health and the environment.

Signing the petition is consistent with the broader political consensus emerging from more structured reviews of the potential risks of CSG mining. These include the recommendations of the Senate enquiry into the Murray Darling - which calls for a thorough review and a halt to further approvals - and policy positions of the Greens and Labor supporting a moratorium.

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"We welcome this support and call on other MPs across the state and the O'Farrell Government to follow suit.

"There is now more than enough evidence that CSG mining brings problems.

"The contamination of water systems and supplies, leaking methane, health impacts and carved up landscapes, show the need for an immediate moratorium on all CSG projects and a royal commission into the full impacts of the industry.

"Fracking – which fractures underground systems, can cause earthquakes and involves the direct contamination and release of large quantities of fresh fresh water – should not be allowed to proceed."

"The question now is: what will Park and Evans do to have these changes implemented?

"Given a new CSG well was approved in his electorate on November 21 - and in an area designed to protect the quality of drinking water for more than 4.3 million people - we call on Lee Evans to put a motion before parliament to freeze all CSG activity.

"It is clear the health of drinking water and the environment are still at risk.

"Action needs to match Evans' declaration of support."

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