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Labor support for CSG moratorium welcomed

Stop CSG Illawarra welcomes the NSW Labor Party's back flip on CSG, including their support for a moratorium on exploration and an independent inquiry. Spokesperson Jess Moore stated:

"The campaign to stop CSG set out to target all MPs. Today's announcement marks a reversal of NSW Labor policy and 32 MPs, in favour of caution when it comes to water, health and the environment.

"While it was Labor who opened the door to this industry in NSW, we welcome this common sense change.

"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.

"The tide is turning in NSW when it comes to CSG.

"The question now is: what will the ALP do to see it's policy implemented?

"We call on the Labour Party to commit to putting a motion before parliament.

"Of course, all the risks posed by CSG exploration, also apply to production. The ALPs policy should shift further still, to support a moratorium on all CSG projects until the full impacts are known.

"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."

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