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Huge spike in interest for Stop CSG Illawarra

Stop CSG Illawarra, the community group leading the campaign for a moratorium on coal seam gas mining, has experienced a huge spike in interest since its successful human sign action in Austinmer on May 29. The group has outgrown its old meeting venue, the Thirroul Railway Institute Hall, and this Sunday June 19 at 11.30am the group will meet at the Woonona-Bulli RSL, a venue that holds over 400 people.

Stop CSG Illawarra spokesperson Jess Moore said: "Visits to our website have gone through the roof, with thousands of people visiting the website immediately following the much publicised human sign community action on May 29. Our Facebook group is growing quickly and our email list has passed 2000 and continues to grow rapidly.

"The massive increase in support reflects the deep concern in the community.

"Interest is also being fuelled by the increasing evidence of CSG mining hazards coming to light in the media within Australia and overseas.

"In recent months bans, cessations, moratoriums and increased regulation relating directly to CSG mining have been introduced in NSW, Canada, France, the UK and the USA.

"We welcome the NSW Government's introduction of a 60 day moratorium and now ask they extend this to allow for a full review of environmental, health and safety issues associated with CSG mining."

The meeting this Sunday will feature a report on the May 29 action including footage and photos. SCSGI also plans a benefit gig on July 1 at the Headlands Hotel in Austinmer.

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