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Mineral & Energy Resource Exploration

Our branch of the WPSQ would like to make a short submission on this Issue Paper. The Upper Dawson Valley has experienced resource companies exploring for coal and coal seam gas over large areas and in all environmental locations.

The companies have found sufficient quantities of both to warrant them working towards developing these finds.

As a consequence, we have dealt extensively with the early exploration stages of these developments and are convinced that it is imperative that stringent environmental conditions be enforced during this exploration phase.

If after this phase, the company decides to proceed to production then having an appropriate set of environmental conditions already in place helps the flow on of these conditions as the development proceeds.

When we take into consideration the Cumulative Impacts of the environmental damage plus the uncertainty of how these developments will effect the underground water supplies, we feel strongly that there must not be any weakening of environmental conditions during Resource Exploration.

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