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The concern that I would like to particularly highlight is that coal seam gas will not reduce carbon emissions and is far from being a 'cleaner' energy source (as touted by the proponents) because the fugitive emissions are not being adequately measured. Though the CSIRO has done an initial assessment of fugitive emissions from production wells, emissions have not been assessed over the lifecycle of coal seam gas wells, from exploration, drilling, completion, production, repair and maintenance and decommissioning.

Additionally, my experience has been that leakage in compressors, water treatment facilities, pipelines and gas processing facilities is not treated as much of a concern by hydrocarbon producers as they are only interested in safety implications, not greenhouse gas implications. Measurements of emissions from these must be incorporated into any measurement of methane emissions from coal seam gas operations.

Surely we need time to get scientific measurements of this industry's emissions understood before giving it the green light. One narrowly focussed CSIRO study in 2014 does not constitute this.

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