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I am a retired teacher, living in a quiet rural area in Gippsland. The area is clean, green and highly productive. I have recently become aware that companies are hoping to extract coal seam gas in this area. I have a science degree, and spent my working life educating young people to base their opinions about their world on evidence rather than emotion. As exploration for CSG has become a highly emotive issue I have been seeking the facts - the amount of water needed, the chemicals used in extraction, for example. To my dismay I find that much of this information is not readily available. it seems we are being kept in the dark. In my 65 years of living I have never seen a time when people had less confidence in politicians. This is a time when we yearn for some real leadership. We need to have confidence that those we elect will make decisions that are in the interest of the people, not big business. We must at some stage have the courage to wean ourselves off fossil fuels, and the CSG issue provides a perfect time to make a stand. Please do not allow it to begin here, as once it does we will be powerless to stop it. Thank you.

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