

COAL SEAM GAS EXPLORATION AND MINING — MORATORIUM

Notice of Motion

Hon Alison Xamon gave notice that at the next sitting of the house she would move —

That this house demands that the government place a moratorium on all coal seam gas exploration and mining in Western Australia until such time as it can be assured that such activities will —

- (1) Have no impact on local land users, including —
 - (a) no reduction of available agricultural land;
 - (b) no reduction in local groundwater levels;
 - (c) no saltwater contamination of groundwater;
 - (d) no chemical contamination of groundwater; and
 - (e) no uncontrolled methane leakage from drilled locations.
- (2) Be governed by government regulations that ensure that —
 - (a) absolute transparency is provided to the public about which chemicals are used in all coal seam gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”) activities;
 - (b) rigorous independent testing is conducted on all chemicals before they are used in coal seam gas exploration, drilling and fracking operations to ensure no adverse impacts on groundwater, human health and the environment; and
 - (c) any liability for contamination of groundwater, land or community assets be borne by the company conducting the operations rather than the state and people of Western Australia.