

509 Wallace Road  
The Channon  
NSW 2480  
18 October 2012

The Premier  
The Hon Mr Barry O'Farrell MP  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

CC: all NSW parliamentarians

Dear Premier O'Farrell,

**RE: the community of Wallace Road, The Channon, declares itself Gasfield Free**

On behalf of residents of Wallace Road, The Channon, in the Northern Rivers I write to inform you that we have declared our road *Gasfield Free*. We ask that you revoke all Petroleum Exploration and Production licenses for coal seam and tight gas mining in the Northern Rivers, including the catchments of our rivers.

A survey of Wallace Road in March this year asked all residents over the age of 16 years "Do you want to close your roads and lands to coal seam gas?" Of 52 people who responded to the survey, representing every household along our small road, 100% responded 'yes'. Of the 432 respondents of the whole community of The Channon who responded to the same question, 99.3% voted yes.

The people of our small community, part of the larger community of the Northern Rivers, are united in our rejection of coal seam gas mining. At the recent Lismore council election, 87% of the population voted no to CSG. The majority of people here do not want our land devalued, our pastures and waterways polluted, our communities decimated as they have been in parts of Queensland.

We are ordinary people. We are not extremists. We represent all political persuasions, united in our love for our beautiful land and strong community. Here is the sign we have erected to declare Wallace Road Gasfield Free.



We respectfully ask you to annul all Petroleum Exploration and Production licenses for coal seam and tight gas mining in the Northern Rivers, including the catchments of our rivers.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kath Fisher  
on behalf of the people of Wallace Road, The Channon, Northern Rivers NSW