FRIENDS OF THE EARTH COAL SEAM GAS CAMPAIGN needs to raise \$6000 (see below).

The Rainforest Information Centre will match \$ for \$ contributions to Friends of the Earth's Coal Seam Gas campaign up to a maximum of \$3000 (or half the \$6000 total).

If you make a donation to FOE's Coal Seam Gas campaign (methods of donating below), please email Ruth Rosenhek at rainforestinfo@ozemail.com.au, let her know that you have done so and we will match your donation.

FROM FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Dear friends,

Please support our CSG campaign

Anyone who has seen the 'Gasland' documentary will know the many risks attached to coal seam gas (CSG) operations.

What you may not be aware of is the fact that there are plans to drill more than 40,000 CSG wells in Queensland alone.

This is the early stages of an industry that has a massively destructive impact on local land and communities and an enormous greenhouse footprint.

But it is also an industry that is being resisted tooth and nail by affected communities.

Friends of the Earth has been a leading force in the community opposition to the roll out of CSG in Queensland. We are absolutely pivotal to the broad based and determined resistance that has been happening in places like Tara on the Darling Downs. We are a key member of the Lock the Gate Alliance, a national grouping of more than 80 organisations.

You can see a summary of some of the media coverage on our work here. For more info

As the lead environmental group working to stop CSG in Queensland, many people will be surprised to know that all our work has been done by volunteer activists.

Individuals have put many thousands of dollars of their own funds into this campaign.

If we are to have any hope of sustaining this work through the rest of 2011 and beyond, we need to be able to generate financial support from people who understand the value of our work.

We need help with the many costs that come with working in remote areas and traveling long distances: in particular for petrol and communications.

We need to raise a minimum of \$6,000 to sustain our campaign.

Please consider donating to support our work in opposing the roll out of CSG. Donations are tax deductible. Please encourage your friends to do the same.

Thanks for whatever help you can offer

regards Cam Walker Friends of the Earth Australia

Added incentives

The best time to stop a destructive industry in its tracks is when it is starting up. Now is that time \cdot The Lock the Gate campaign is now going national - and we need to be fully involved in this network, so funds are doubly important right now \cdot We lay claim to being - by far - the leanest of the large green groups. \$6,000 for pivotal involvement in a major grassroots campaign = great value for money!

You can donate on-line here . (This is our general donations portal for FoE Australia - all funds donated through this section will go to the CSG campaign).

For further info on our CSG campaign, please check here:

Other options:

Print this out, fill in your details (including credit card, or include a cheque payable to Friends of the Earth) and email to Melissa Slattery <u>melissa.slattery@foe.org.au</u>.

Or post to:

FoE, Box, 222, Fitzroy, 3065.

Dear FoE

Here's my donation to support the campaign against the development of the CSG industry in Australia.

Amount: \$

Credit card number:

Expiry Date (month/ year):

3 digit security code (The 3 digits after the card number on the signature panel of your card).

Please send a receipt to: (postal address plus postcode)

Email:

Can we acknowledge your support in our annual report and website? (yes/no)

Please put me on the campaign list for the CSG campaign. (yes/ no)

Thanks!