



Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council Assn Inc.

ABN 90 689 258 843

Gecko House, 139 Duringan Street, Currumbin, Qld 4223.  
Telephone 07 5534 1412 Facsimile 07 5534 1401  
info@gecko.org.au www.gecko.org.au

## Media Release 2012 02 08

First Gold Coast Showing of **“Bimblebox”** Coal Seam Gas Documentary.

At Gecko-Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council’s (Gecko) next General Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August the stunning documentary Bimblebox will be shown for the first time on the Gold Coast. The screening will be at Gecko House, 139 Duringan St, Currumbin beginning at 6.30pm. All members of the public who have concerns about the future of our food production and biodiversity are urged to come and see this exceptional film.

Lois Levy, President of Gecko said, “This film should be compulsory viewing for all politicians and all Australians. I watched this film and was shocked by the wholesale devastation of our magnificent country for the short term profits of a few global companies who care little for the heritage they will leave. “

The documentary begins with the Bimblebox Nature Refuge which lies in the path of what might become one of the Earth’s largest coal mines. One woman, Paola Cassoni, decides to resist the Clive Palmer “China First” project that will destroy the Nature Refuge.

From here the film moves to a tour of Queensland and New South Wales rural areas which are under siege from the coal and gas mine companies and the “quarry Vision” of Australia. The impact on farmers, rural communities and our dwindling biodiversity is nothing short of horrific and must be resisted.

Lois added “The only impediment to the miners is the Lock the Gate campaign and it is essential that city dwellers support rural people in containing this menace to our food production, water supplies and native animal and plant species”

Members of the growing Gold Coast branch of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) will be coming to see what the future may hold for them if Australians don’t mobilise to contain this phenomenon. AYCC will be fund raising on the night by providing refreshments to sponsor their latest campaign Youth Decide.

The impact of burning coal and coal seam gas on climate change is undisputed and yet Australia continues to promote fossil fuels over renewable energy which is seriously compromising future opportunities of current and future generations.

Enquiries:

Lois Levy 0412 724 222

President.

Gecko-Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council Assoc. Inc.