

Arrow comes under scrutiny

ARROW Energy has come under fire after the Federal Government's scientific panel raised concerns over its Surat Gas Project in the Surat Basin.

The Independent Scientific Expert Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining's report said Arrow's Environmental Impact Statement "does not adequately address potential impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance".

The report states the RIS does not address the effects Arrow's operations have on the underground water supply adequately.



David Hamilton, BSA

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Basin Sustainability Alliance chairman David Hamilton said the BSA had been raising the same concerns for years.

"The large increase in the take of water from aquifers seems to be unsustainable - in the driest country on earth, we must not sacrifice our underground water for a short-term financial gain," Mr Hamilton said.

In a statement, Arrow Energy said it was reviewing the matters.

"The supplementary report to the Environmental Impact Statement is under preparation," the statement said.