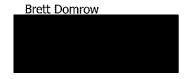
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## RE: Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

I am making a submission on the above legislation around how it is unfairly disadvantaging projects that are significantly advanced through the approvals process, namely the New Acland Stage 3 Project.

Why should the Acland project be subject to the possibility of further land court action around groundwater, when it has already been through the land court process which has discussed groundwater in great detail throughout the court process? This would be a waste of tax payer's money and delay an already lengthy approvals process further.

I would recommend that better transitional arrangements be provided for projects in the latter stages of the approvals process, especially when groundwater has been recently dealt with in land court as part of the EA approval.

Any further delay to the Acland Stage 3 project will see a gap in production between Stage 2 and Stage 3, and as such, the company will have no other alternative than to retrench part of its workforce. This would mean that myself or some of my colleagues would be without work, and responsibility would be squarely placed on the current government. The legislation handed down by parliament is suppose to work for the people of this state, not work against it.

Regards,

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