

7 October 2016

The Chairman
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir,

RE: Submission for Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and Other Legislation
Amendment Bill 2016 (QLD)

I have been working with New Hope Group for over 30 years and moved into the Quinalow area (near Acland) when Acland Open Cut Mine first began in 2002. We purchased an ex-dairy farm. The real estate agent remarked that there were quite a few on the market in the district as they were no longer sustainable after dairy deregulation and the land was in poor condition from being irresponsibly cropped and grazed. We have, over time, planted improved-pasture and through careful environmentally sound grazing management, repaired the micro environments of our piece of land.

The mine has had no effect to our bore levels and had there been any, we would have been making serious enquires regarding the 'make good' arrangements the mine has offered to concerned local landholders. I like to live close to where I work and lessen my travel hours to and from work, so for the past 25 years I have lived close to mines. I have never experienced any water, dust, noise, or light issues from either Ebenezer or Acland mine; although I have seen: water issues because of old, clogged up bore pipes; dust issues from farmers ploughing dry soil on breezy days; noise issues from nearby properties, and road traffic; any light issues experienced would be identical to street lights.

I have actively contributed countless hours to various community groups since becoming part of this community that is close to the mine. Should this mine expansion not be approved soon, it will close and there will be many of us in this community who will be moving away and trying to find jobs elsewhere. The real estate market will be swamped with properties for sale, but unlike the dairy deregulation, there will be no new industry committing to this area to allow the properties a range of interested venders. There are more supporters for the mine in this district then the few, noisy objectors.

Yours sincerely,

David Wood.

