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Subject : SUBMISSION – Environmental Protection (Underground Water Management) and
Other Legislation Amendment Bill

Member of the Agriculture & Environment Committee,

We would like to make a formal objection submission in relation to the recent bill tabled in
relation to groundwater legislation.

As residents of the local area and as an employee of the New Acland Coal Mine, the current
Land Court battle that has been taking place has become a huge concern in our family. Our
lives are very much on hold at present, wondering if we will have a future here. We have
lived at Kulpi for the last 20 years and employed by New Hope for the last 11. Being
employed at the mine has allowed us to continue to stay on our family farm – and to make
continued improvements to the land we occupy.

There are many other families in the area who are in the same situation as us. This
legislation, if applied to “Grandfather Cases” such as New Acland, could further delay the
approval of the mine expansion and seriously jeopardise our community.

We don’t think that the Green Groups who are campaigning for this legislation fully
comprehend the fall out that will take place in our community if they have their way.

We are asking you to consider the livelihood of many local families and to treat the New
Acland Coal Mine Application as a Grandfather case and finally let us get on with our lives.

Yours sincerely

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