

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 table in relation to groundwater legislation. Please accept this late objection under exceptional circumstances.

As local residents for 7 years and Rebecca an employee of the New Acland Coal Mine for 5 years, the ongoing struggle for approval for the next stage of mining and most recently the Land Court battle has had a major impact on our lives and the local community. Our livelihood and family home is very much hanging on the awaited 9 year decision.

We love our local Kulpi community and wish to stay in the area, expand our current farm and raise our children in the country. If this legislation is passed, it will take away our future in this community, and greatly jeopardise the future of many other families.

The Green Groups and Anti Coalmine Groups have a 'loud' voice; it does not necessarily reflect the whole or majority local opinion for the New Acland Coal Mine to continue.

We are asking you to make the right decision and to treat the New Acland Coal Mine Application as a Grandfather case and let us move forward with our lives.

Yours sincerely

Jason and Rebecca Murphy

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