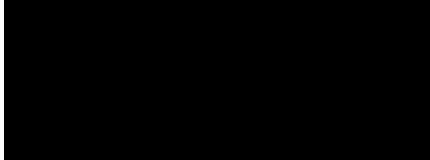


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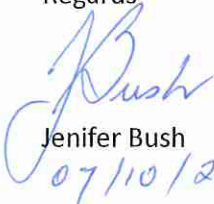
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1. Why should a project that has already (and so recently) been through the land court process be subject to that again?
 - The worst possible impact of this delay will be the closure of the New Acland Coal (NAC) mine as coal deposits in the current mine lease are exhausted. This will also have a flow on effect for the local and wider community, no coal, no trains, no foreign trade and no income for the Queensland Government.
2. There must be better transitional arrangements for project in the latter stages of the approval process?
 - This process has already delayed the NAC expansion by nearly 12 months; surely the decision can be made now, based fairly on what has already been presented.
3. To do so would be duplicating what has already been discussed in Land Court recently
 - As the process has now passed the Land Court this duplication is a strain on all individuals involved, work colleagues and myself. It is my belief NAC would pass all the requirements as we recycle all our water and currently have little impact on groundwater. This has already been achieved, why do it again, there will be no new surprises, it will be re-hashed, and for what? Who benefits from this?
4. What a delay in the approvals for NAC would mean to you and your family.
 - I currently work for the corporate office of New Hope Group, and I could lose my job. This won't be the first time the Queensland Government has been responsible for taking away my livelihood. I once worked for the Port of Brisbane before it was sold as part of the asset sales in 2011. I struggled to find permanent work again so I can pay my mortgage. This is a great company to work for and I would be deeply saddened if the relationship could not continue. I also live near the Ipswich train line and I love the sound of the coal train coming through making its way to the Port, it is the sound of a prosperous city, don't take that away.

As highlight recently by the Adelaide state-wide power outage caused by a serious weather event, there is no current renewable energy source capable of supplying the electricity required by our national communities. Now is a good time to start a valuable conversation but it will be 15 to 20 years before this will have a meaningful impact. In the meantime we are 80% reliant on coal fired electricity generation. Please make a decision soon.

Regards


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