

Naomi Tonscheck



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

Member of the Agriculture & Environment Committee,

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

As a resident and employee of the New Acland Coal Mine, our family has been exposed to 9 years of approval delays and changes, approvals put on hold and most recently, a 7 month Land Court battle. This legislation, if applied to "Grandfather Cases" such as ours, could further delay the approval of the Acland Coal Mine expansion and seriously jeopardise my future, my families future and the financial future of this area. This needs to stop and a decision needs to be made.

New Hope are already rolling out an "ironclad" baseline assessment process for all of the potentially affected landholders and are following up with the a genuine offer to enter into a make good agreement with each of them. They have also conducted a number of baseline assessments for landholders who are well outside of the potentially impacted area to try and appease some of the local concern. They have also hosted numerous landholder meetings, information sessions, have a permanent office based on Oakey for concerned landholder to access and gain information when needed. What more can the company do?

I am putting together a group of local farming families called "The Farming Friends of New Acland". We are a group of local people who live near the mine and support the mine. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with all of you to discuss our future and the future of the New Acland Coal Mine. We are the majority and we need to be heard so we can balance the table - so to speak.

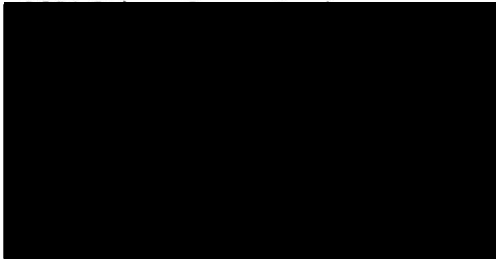
Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

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Similar to my wife's objection, I am a resident and employee of the New Acland Coal Mine. I have lived in this area all of my life and have been an employee with New Hope for 14 years now. As my wife has already mentioned, our family and the surrounding community has been exposed to 9 years of approval delays and changes, approvals put on hold and most recently, a 7 month Land Court battle. This legislation, if applied to "Grandfather Cases" such as ours, could further delay the approval of the Acland Coal Mine expansion and seriously jeopardise my future, my families future and the financial future of this area. This needs to stop and a decision needs to be made.

Please do not let the voice of disruptive Green Groups and Anti - coalminers further delay our approval decision. This area needs an outcome from this approval process, be it positive or negative, and we all need to move on from this current state of limbo that we find ourselves in for another undetermined amount of time. It is not only frustrating but consumes almost our every thought and conversation we have. We can not make decisions in relation to our future and the future of our kids and we need an outcome.

We are pleading with you to make the right decision and to treat our case (The New Acland Coal Mine Application) as a Grandfather case and finally let us see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Yours Faithfully,

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Matthew Tonscheck