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Dear Sir / Madam

LOGAN CITY COUNCIL'S SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED PROTECTION OF PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND AND OTHER LAND FROM COAL SEAM GAS MINING BILL

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed *Protection of Prime Agricultural Land and Other Land from Coal Seam Gas Mining Bill*.

Council supports the intent of the *Protection of Prime Agricultural Land and Other Land from Coal Seam Gas Mining Bill* to protect prime agricultural land from coal seam gas exploration and mining.

Council would like to provide the following points on the proposed Bill:

- Council supports the intent of the *Prime Agricultural Land and Other Land from Coal Seam Gas Mining Bill* to protect prime agricultural land from coal seam gas exploration and mining.
- Council supports the protection of water quality of the aquifers affecting strategic cropping land through the management of impacts from mining activities.
- Council supports the protection of water supplies, as providing access to an affordable and reliable water supply is important for strategic cropping land.
- Council recommends that the primary objective of the proposed Bill can be achieved through an amendment to the *Strategic Cropping Land Act 2011* and/or the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* rather than adding new legislation. Therefore the Bill should be written as an amendment rather than as a stand alone act.

Once again thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed *Protection of Prime Agricultural Land and Other Land from Coal Seam Gas Mining Bill*. Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brandon Maloney on ph: (07) 3412 4215 if you would like to discuss any aspect of this submission.

Yours faithfully

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(on behalf of Chris Rose, Chief Executive Officer)