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Dear Sir

I wish to support Mr Hopper's bill on CSG and coal mining on the Darling Downs
While his bill seems only to be in regard of CSG the same should apply to coal mining
They both destroy the health of the planet and its people
There has been not enough science accepted by mining companies and the government to the
damage that is done to both the people and the planet
There seems much evidence now coming to light that the land will not recover in hundreds of
years despite all the feel good stories from the mining companies and their
Promises to return the land to better than they found it.
The people who live near these CSG wells and mines have to live with illnesses that in some
times lead to death so I am sure that they are not happy to be forced to live there
In many cases they are many generations living and farming there
Most farmers look after the land and see themselves as caretakers not land reapers as they
plan to hand on the land to the next generation unlike the companies who seems to be there
for the short term gain
Water next to clean air is our greatest asset and it is most needed for farming and personal
use and not to be wasted on mining and CSG . It is not possible for farming to coexist with
companies that drain so much water . The Great Artesian Basin is the envy of the world and
we should protect it at all costs

I have put in detailed submissions to the Qld Plan, Darling Downs plan and TOR for stage three
take two and stage three of new hope coal mine
I unfortunately don't get paid to respond to the number of submissions that should be
answered on the issues of CSG and coal mining and was only aware of this submission this
morning so I hope my submission will be still considered as support for Mr Hopper's bill

I am available to show any one who is interested our side of the story and available to answer
questions

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