

**SOUTHERN DOWNS PROTECTION GROUP INC**  
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1. The Southern Downs Protection Group was formed in the Warwick Qld area in 2009 to provide information to those members of the Community who have concerns with the possibility of Coal Mining and Coal Seam Gas exploration in the Southern Downs farming areas.
2. The Darling Downs and Southern Downs has pristine prime agricultural farming land that has been historically productive for many years and farming communities have great concerns that these farmlands may be at risk from CSG.
3. In 2010 there were many coal mining permits issued to exploration companies and the anxiety grew in the Warwick and Stanthorpe areas that were known to be under these mining permits.
4. The SDPG Inc wishes to support the current Bill put forward by MP Ray Hopper who has given an undertaking that the farmlands of the Darling Downs will not be impacted by coal mining industries.
5. Recently Qld Member for Southern Downs, Lawrence Springborg committed to no coal mining in prime agricultural land in the Southern Downs.
6. Federal Member for Maranoa also noted in his recent Newsletter that the prime agricultural areas in the Southern Downs would not be impacted by coal mining industries.
7. SDPG Inc wishes to emphasise the feeling of this advocate group that coal mining in the Southern Downs would not be welcome.

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