

Mineral and Energy Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Our family have farmed in the Kupunn area near Dalby for 74 years and have always found the land to be stable . I am re doing this submission as the email address shown on the submission form seems to be false . Our farming system is built on precision agriculture and relies on the land being completely stable . We simply can not continue in our farming here if the land needs re- developing every few years initially and less frequently for the next 70 - 80 years (as projected) . The land that we have seen dramatic movement in , has had to be re- developed , even though it has been stable and highly productive since first developed for irrigation in 1985 . This land is in the top 5% of the farmed area in Queensland as far as productive capacity , and is however extremely vulnerable to subsidence because of its very soft nature and very low natural gradient . With laser land forming and precision agriculture it has proven over many decades to be our best land . Queensland has the least arable land of all the states in Australia , having only about 2.6% of its area cultivated . Of this small area there is probably as much as 1/3 rd that is not sustainable . The land that we have seen damaged is naturally flood free , erosion free , deep fertile scrub soil that has been irrigated for close to 40 years and shows no problems . To see this damage is an appalling disgrace and could only be described as wicked . Arrow Energy have said all along that their activity would cause significant subsidence and yet when it happens in a less consistent way than they predicted , they have not paid the bill which we invoiced to them back in January and have instead given us a completely foolish report that has been fabricated without any ground truthing and even has no names or dates on it . We can only view this as them going into a pitiful - "denial mode " and even their own conscience disallows them from risking their own name being written on it . We have known for at least a decade , that there will be major disaster with this development and subsidence is just one of many REALITIES that we are seeing now . No wonder Arrow could not get environmental insurance and now are trying to make it our responsibility . We seem to have to prove now , damage that was inevitable . They have illegally undermined our land , paid no compensation to us , lied and called it "Preliminary Activity " and now are not paying any repair bill that we have had to pay . We can not stay in business as it is ruining us and taking up so much time over the last 16 years , that we simply can't continue . They arrogantly say that - that is our responsibility as the land owner (to have to spend thousands of hours) trying to make sense of their crazy and hideous plan for our land . We have sent dozens of emails to government - mainly with nothing but an automated response . No one - either Government or Arrow energy have been willing to look me in the eye and say this plan is good for our land - we all know it is damaging . No RIDA has been done (which is illegal) even though we have asked for this many times . If an Australian did what Arrow have done to us they would be put in jail . No wonder that most of my neighbors have sold - we are victims of corporate crime . My GP says that I have tried to warn of this disaster for over a decade and now the Government can't claim ignorance . The only option now is to pull the unlawful approval , remove illegal and unethical wells , refill the coal bed and decommission these terrible wells . This land is not suitable for this development and this would have shown if there had been the proper assessments . To say that addressing subsidence makes it OK is not being truthful - this development is wrong on many , many levels . There needs to be billions of dollars allocated as a surety fund for the massive damage that will happen here . It is simply not acceptable to have land and water beneath us mis-managed in such a way . How did the ownership of our land and water transfer from us to Arrow Energy ? The truth is it hasn't and as such we have every right to reject this development (that is clearly damaging the best land we have) . The water beneath our land is integral to the stability of our land and is not to be mis - managed and cause collapse of our soils we rely on for a living .

Mineral and Petroleum rights were given back to the Government over a century ago . Water was not given back and is viewed as part of the land ownership and then managed by the Government . This does not give the Government the right to ruin our land and water . We want the take of water (which is causing the subsidence) to stop . Please call me on the phone number given to discuss any error (if any) in our rights . Thanking You Sincerely .