

Springsure Qld 4722

The Research Director  
Environment, Agriculture, Resources and Energy Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
Brisbane QLD 4000

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: Comment on Proposed Strategic Cropping Land Policy

A policy to protect the Strategic Cropping Land in Queensland is a vitally important move towards protecting food and fibre security for the generations to come. However, this policy in its current form will not give the highest protection to land of this type. Our property lies within a protection zone, but with exemptions to the policy being granted, we stand to lose everything we have worked hard to develop and maintain.

**The Springsure Creek Coal Project (EPC 891) should not be excluded from the Strategic Cropping Land legislation and Clauses 282 and 283 should be deleted from the Bill.**

There is no justification for the special transitional arrangements given to Bandanna Energy and the inclusion of clauses 282 and 283 in the legislation. Parameters for an exclusion to this policy have been outlined by Minister for Natural Resources, Rachel Nolan, and as such, Bandanna Energy's Springsure Creek Project does not meet these requirements,

- This is not a project of state or public significance
- This is not a project in an advanced stage of development
- This project did not have a final terms of reference on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011
- An application for a Mineral Development Licence was made to the mining registrar on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011. As of today 03.11.2011, Bandanna Energy have not received a certificate of application for a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*
  - Despite public statements to the contrary this always was an underground project - there was no show of commitment to the SCL Policy by Bandanna Energy through a change of plans from open cut to underground.
  - It is not acceptable under any circumstances to introduce legislation that clearly benefits an individual company.

Despite numerous invitations, the government responsible for these decisions have not once visited the area that will be ruined by this project to view what will be at stake as a result of their decisions. The legislation in its current form as introduced to Parliament does not show any commitment to the protection of prime agricultural land. The inclusion of clause 282 and 283 are a complete contradiction of the fundamental principles of the legislation.

Underground mining and its effects must also be included in the policy to protect prime agricultural land as the subsidence associated with it, is enough to prevent the successful growing of future food and fibre crops. There is no justification for assuming that the subsidence can be overcome - there are no examples of this anywhere in Australia.

Regards



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