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“Springwood”

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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Comment on Proposed Strategic Cropping Land Policy

When, then Minister for Natural Resources Stephen Robertson, announced last year the framework for the proposed strategic cropping land policy, the Golden Triangle Community and surrounding land owners were encouraged by what appeared to be a very positive step by the Queensland State Government. Unfortunately with the release of the proposed legislation this has been replaced with complete scepticism and bitter disappointment. 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.

At the centre of the Central Queensland's 'Golden Triangle', the Springsure Creek EPC contains 33,646 ha of Strategic Cropping Land, 79% of its area. This comprises greater than 10% of the total Central Protection Area 'where Strategic Cropping Land may exist' within Central Queensland. Current Minister for Natural Resources, Rachel Nolan has clearly outlined that exceptions to the policy are narrow.

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The Bandanna Energy project is not a project of state or public significance and is definitely not in advanced stages of development. To think that the project did not have their final terms of reference in by the 31st of May 2011 and was still given the okay was deplorable – if the shoe was on the other foot there would be a totally different outcome.

An application for a Mineral Development Licence was made to the mining registrar on 17th October 2011. As of today 03.11.2011, Bandanna Energy has 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.

This is a decision made by a government who have not once been to visit the area and get an appreciation for what is at stake, (which is what is happening in other cases around the State) – despite numerous invitations Bandanna Energy have not done any community consultation.

As also with many cases around the State, Bandanna has not rehabilitated exploration holes in a timely manner – clearly demonstrating their disregard to existing government legislation.

The legislation in its current form as introduced to Parliament does not show any commitment to the protection of prime agricultural land which is something that will affect all Australians in the long term.

Yours Sincerely

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