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The Research Director
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RE Submission on the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Galilee Basin State Development Area

I have serious concerns about the impacts of the proposed Galilee Basin State Development Area (SDA), which my property falls within

The associated rail lines will negatively impact myself/landholders in the region by bisecting properties, interrupting cattle movements, changing surface water flow, affecting flood plains and degrading the natural value of the land

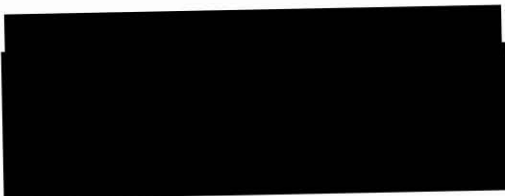
I am concerned that these impacts, and the threat of compulsory acquisition for all landholders within the SDA will decrease the value of my property, the viability of my livelihood and impact the lifestyle we value here in central queensland

With progress I understand there comes change - at the present time I question how these changes are going to work to my highest good as a landholder as I believe we all should be considered as equals in our own right as Australians

A state development area is meant to be declared in the public interest, and yet the costs of the rail projects to existing, profitable industries in the region has not been assessed. A full cost benefit analysis that examines the long term impacts on the agricultural industry is needed

If the impacts of the SDA and rail lines on the landholders are going to be minimised we need a better dialogue with the government and the companies who are building the rail lines. If public hearings associated with this enquiry are going to be held, at least one of them should be held in a location where landholders can attend

sincerely Jenny Cowan



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