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Bruce & Annette Currie own [REDACTED] cattle property in the [REDACTED]. Our property joins Hancock GVKs proposed coal Kevin's Corner and is just north west of their proposed Alpha Coal. Our concern if these mines progress is their impact on our ground water supply. To this end we approached the company in line with their commitment to the Coordinator-General for a make good agreement (MGA) that would provide protection should impacts occur. When we were unable to get an agreement we pursued our concerns to the Land Court. We were successful with our appeal, such that the presiding judge deemed the potential impact on groundwater so serious that he brought down his recommendation in the alternative. The 1st and preferred recommendation was that the mining lease not be granted, or the 2nd recommendation was if the government deemed that the mine should progress then extra monitoring bores be installed and MGA's be entered into with the objecting landowners. The MGA we were asking for the court to require the company provide us with was also in line with Hancock's commitments to the Coordinator-General in their EIS and SEIS. The fact that they are not keeping to their own commitments is indicative of their heavy handed approach to us in addressing our concerns, and efforts to get MGA.

Having to deal with companies that have this heavy handed attitude is extremely stressful for landowners seeking to protect their businesses, conversely it is the landowners that require support from governments.

With the lack of protection for landowners concerned about impacts from resource company activities, such as mines and infrastructure on their properties a more transparent, conciliatory and honest approach is required and needs to be adopted. For example, if the proposed rail line crossing of the Belyando flood plain is put in it's current position the impacts on landowners and the infrastructure itself will be from disastrous to unknown. From local experience current flooding causes huge damage, to restrict the flows further with infrastructure will only increase that impact.

We lodge our submission with a full understanding and experience of how landowners in the GBSDA and those surrounding proposed mines suffer financially, mentally and physically.

We endorse the submission lodged by the Mackay Conservation Council.

Thank you for taking our submission into consideration.

Regards Bruce Currie