



Speech by

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GATTON-GYMPIE ALLGAS PIPELINE

Mr LAMING (Mooloolah—LP) (7.09 p.m.): I rise this evening to make a few remarks on behalf of constituents in the electorate of Mooloolah in relation to the Gatton-Gympie Allgas pipeline. I believe that there is considerable goodwill towards having gas come through the area because of the economic benefits that it will bring. However, there are some problems. In common with most of those sorts of initiatives, some people are asked to contribute more than others. Everybody benefits, but some people—particularly those who have the pipe go through their property—are asked to make a greater contribution towards the outcome than others.

The contribution that those people are making is in relation to the compensation that they would receive, the loss of potential for subdivision and further development and the costs of having solicitors act on their behalf. Some of them are very concerned that the valuers from the company have not even visited their property. Land in Mooloolah is not similar to broadacre land, where one acre might be very similar to another. In those tighter areas in Mooloolah, the properties are only small, but it is all that many of those people own. It is very important to them. One gentleman and his wife want to sell their property. This has been going on for 18 months. They do not know how to value the property when they do not know whether the pipe will go through their property. They also have the problem that future water and sewerage pipes might not be able to cut through the gas easement. They need advice on those issues. They now have to pay for solicitors to act on their behalf. If the pipeline was not going through, they would not be going anywhere near solicitors. I call on the Minister to talk with his departmental officers and the people from Allgas and ask them to explain to people how to proceed as soon as possible.

Time expired.
