




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Peadon, Mr C; Resources Industries

 **Mr WEIR** (Condamine—LNP) (7.22 pm): I would like to acknowledge the recent tragic death of Clark Peadon, an experienced mine employee who lost his life at the Curragh mine near Blackwater. The investigations are continuing into this tragedy. I extend my sympathy to his family, friends and colleagues.

This latest death brings the total fatalities since August 2017 to 10. In less than 4½ years that is 10 families with someone missing from around their Christmas table. This is a terrible statistic. The time it has taken to reveal the findings of each one of these fatalities is unacceptable. For the families and work colleagues whose lives have been put on hold whilst awaiting the outcome of these investigations, it must be unbearable. The response to a recent question on notice reveals that six of these cases are still to be finalised in the courts. This is not good enough.

We are still waiting for the recommendations of the *Black lung white lies* report to be implemented. When is this going to happen? We would assume that the health and wellbeing of miners matters to this government. This minister needs to deliver those recommendations. At long last, the draft Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan is out, but only for further consultation. This is an important document for the economic and employment future of Queensland. Further consultation certainly needs to take place with stakeholders to ensure this plan is what the industry wants and needs. Many I have spoken to have not had an invitation or opportunity to put key industry issues forward.

There are ongoing major landholder concerns regarding access and directional drilling for the coal seam gas in the Nandi and Kupunn areas. These are by no stretch of the imagination resolved with landholders sleeping at their front gates. Whilst the department is investigating any breaches there should be a halt to this project—something I have called for on more than one occasion. Landholders have genuine fears and the inaction of this government is allaying none of them.

In relation to leases of the Queensland islands administered by the Department of Resources, I have requested that the Transport and Resources Committee conduct a public inquiry into these leaseholds. We are still awaiting a response from the committee. I table the correspondence that I have forwarded to the committee.

Small-scale miners have had another blow to their industry with the decision to impose a 12-month prohibition on the application and granting of new mining claims. There has been no consultation or warning of this decision. What exactly is the purpose of this moratorium? Nobody seems to understand it.

Finally, Minister Stewart, when will the Stock Route Management Plan report be released? The expiry date of the current management plan was 31 August 2021. In case members may not have noticed, it is now December. This minister has homework to do over the break.