

Question on Notice
No. 1509
Asked on 31 August 2016

Mr Pyne asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (Hon. A Palaszczuk) —

With reference to the Victorian Government's announcement that it is introducing legislation to permanently ban unconventional gas exploration and development, the election of an ALP government in the NT that has promised a moratorium on unconventional gas exploration and fracking, the five year moratorium on fracking in place in Tasmania and the withdrawal and buy back of licenses for unconventional gas exploration and development in New South Wales—

Will the Premier advise if the Palaszczuk Government will deliver on its commitment to protect pristine rivers in the Channel Country by making it off-limits to unconventional gas development?

ANSWER:

My Government is committed to ensuring Queensland's strong economic future while protecting our natural environment and river systems. We have strict controls on unconventional gas development and we will take whatever additional steps are necessary to ensure it does not damage channel country streams and wetlands.

Our stated commitment is "to work with traditional owners, stakeholders and communities to legislate protections for Queensland's unspoilt rivers from large scale industrial operations". I am advised that relevant ministers are working with stakeholders on the future of river protection in Queensland.