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Sent: Friday, 6 September 2013 9:49 AM
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Subject: Ironbark Project

Attention: Libby Beath

I have been contacted by [redacted] to follow up on their telephone conversation with you yesterday.

During that conversation, you are alleged to have told [redacted] that Origin was NOT responsible for the black oily type substance-with a chemical type odour, that has been blown all over their property and their neighbours properties, from across the road where Origin is conducting CSG activities.

Please provide details relating to the investigation Origin conducted and results from any testing that was carried out to prove it was not related to Origins activities.

We are also still waiting on an explanation as to why Origin, rather than investigate landowners legitimate concerns of having black oily substances blown all over their property, felt the need to send the police to the Ansford's and their neighbours property to enquire whether they were going to protest against Origin?

Is this typical procedure when complaints are made against Origins operations?

Can you also confirm that you are in South Australia, and explain why we are having to deal with somebody who isnt even in the local area to deal with these complaints?

Regards

[redacted]

When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.
Thomas Jefferson

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From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Monday, 2 September 2013 5:32 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: re: letter 15 August

Dear Mr Newman,

Thank you for your letter of reply to my concerns regarding baseline water studies. After reading it thoroughly and following up further information contained in the Water Act 2000 and Baseline Assessment Guidelines I remain unconvinced that the current QLD Government is doing enough to ensure water security.

I have a further concern which relates to the CSG industry and other fossil fuel industries. This concern is for the Great Barrier Reef as a result of the proposed dredging of the sea floor within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park in order to accommodate larger fossil fuel carrying ships. Considering today's press release by the Liberal/National Party proposing more funding to assist in caring for The Great Barrier Reef, it just does not make sense to me unless they (LNP) intend to oppose the expansion of ports or shipping lanes anywhere near 'The Reef'. Would you please explain to me the LNP position on caring for the Great Barrier Reef?

And finally, I, along with several thousand other concerned QLDers marched through Brisbane's CBD just over a week ago to draw attention to the fact that 'Our Reef' is in serious trouble and have not seen or heard one comment from your self Mr Newman. One would expect when the level of concern in QLDers reached a point where thousands of them take to the streets to get your attention, you would take some time out from supporting Tony Abbott's in his election campaign to address this issue.

More discouraged than ever with your lack of listening skill or should I be saying I'm really astounded by your ability to let QLD lose its beauty and diversity to the fossil fuel industry.



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Dear

Thank you for your email of 9 September 2013 about Origin Energy's Ironbark coal seam gas (CSG) project. I have been requested to respond to you on the Premier's behalf.

The Queensland Government takes this matter seriously and the CSG Compliance Unit has been working with the community to ensure complaints have been lodged with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) to initiate formal investigations.

The CSG Compliance Unit has also been liaising with DEHP and Origin Energy, and advise that air and particulate samples provided by landholders have been sent for laboratory analysis. Origin has informed the CSG Compliance Unit that their initial investigation, including a site visit and inspection of all wells and infrastructure, does not appear to indicate physical evidence of any 'oily' fallout on any of Origin Energy's Duke 2 pilot or surrounding infrastructure.

DEHP is investigating. DEHP's analysis of materials and information collected from a resident and from Origin Energy does not indicate a potential industrial source, rather it is more likely to be a natural event. DEHP will continue its investigation and officers will be in contact with landholders. Findings will be made available to affected residents.

The CSG Compliance Unit has encouraged landholders to contact their local health professional if concerned about any potential health issues while the investigations continue. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Ian Heiner, Acting Executive Director, CSG Compliance Unit on telephone (07) 4529 1295.

Again, thank you for writing to the Premier and I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Sent: Monday, 9 September 2013 1:34 AM
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Importance: High

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Title: Mr

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Family Name: [redacted]

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Address: [redacted]

Town: [redacted]

State: [redacted]

Postcode: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

Comment:

Mr Newman, please do not ignore this any longer.

If Origin is indeed not responsible for the black rain falling on residents in its Ironbark Project area, why is it refusing to test the substance involved or EVEN ENGAGE with residents thus impacted?

Surely this matter could be dealt with simply and quietly in a matter of days? As it is this has dragged on for over a month, and these residents have only begun to speak out when they felt that all other options were exhausted - now that they are genuinely sick and frightened of what the future might hold for their family.

They are not "protestors", and even placing signs on their fences was a step well beyond their "comfort zone". But neither can they afford to move anywhere - and you can bet that nobody is going to buy into a property thus impacted, regardless of how many times they are told "CSG is clean and safe".

Thus far they have been ignored completely both by the Queensland Government's CSG Enforcement Unit and Origin's Liaison Officers and higher officials - unless you count the visit from the local police, asking on behalf of Origin whether the residents intended to stage a protest!

Why? Even if Origin were deliberately hiding something, this course of action still would not make any sense. They stand to gain nothing but community ill-will from this way of dealing with Queenslanders, and this will reflect poorly on your government in the end also.

We are asking you to step in where they will not. Demonstrate to us that you were serious about demanding some respect from these companies for rural communities, landholders and Queenslanders everywhere.

Right now you may be thinking "just another anti-CSG activist", but if you knew how many people I have personally spoken to who will not go public with their stories (or cannot due to confidentiality clauses in their Conduct and Compensation Agreements), and could add it to the number of those who have already gone public or are preparing to, you would realise that this has gone well beyond "politics" and into the realm of an increasingly problematic human rights issue.

I am not a Greenie, or a radical of any description. I am simply a born-and-bred Queenslander who is sick of watching his fellow citizens be treated in this way.

I am not going to grandstand by sharing this message with others. I am going to trust that you are a decent human being who was sincere in his promises to look after the people of this State - ALL of them, not just the ones who will be politically-expedient for the LNP at the next election.

These people are a minority - true. They don't wear suits or speak eloquently - true. But they are Queenslanders. Your fellow Queenslanders Mr Newman.

Please demand that Origin Energy treat them as such, and not as mere nuisances in the way of their profits.

With respect and thanks,

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P.S. If there is a more appropriate and official way for me to send this message, please inform me and I will do so.

FYI below are two petitions currently circulating on-line, shortly to be followed by an official paper petition to be tabled in Parliament.

http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Queensland_Government_and_Origin_Energy_Stop_the_Toxic_Black_Rain_from_Ironbark_Coal_Seam_Gas_Project_immediately/?dFTAicb

http://www.change.org/en-AU/petitions/origin-energy-cease-operations-at-ironbark-coal-seam-gas-project-immediately?utm_source=guides&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=petition_created

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23 August 2013

The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
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Your ref: DEHP/ERP – TF/13/5054 – DOC/13/71062

Dear Premier Newman

I refer to your letter regarding issues raised by s.73 Personal Information about the report *Assessment of the feasibility of coal seam gas (CSG) water use in the Central Condamine Alluvium (CCA)*.

I wish to advise that, after investigating this matter in conjunction with the relevant departments, the Commission has now formally responded to [redacted] with our findings, as per your request. I enclose a copy of our response for your records and information.

The Commission now considers this matter to be closed unless we hear otherwise from your department. If you do have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me on s.73 WMTN

Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Yours faithfully

John Cotter
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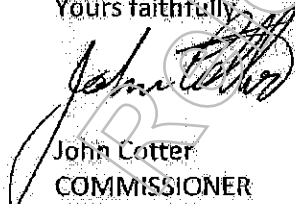
Having now examined the issues raised in your letter, in conjunction with the relevant government departments, the Commission can now advise the following:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM) has ensured the completion of all elements under the Healthy Headwaters Coal Seam Gas Water Feasibility Study, including the business case for the use of CSG water to recharge the CCA. The final report has been submitted to the Commonwealth and all reports are being posted to the study website.

DNRM have also submitted a funding request under the Commonwealth's Murray-Darling Basin Regional Diversification Program to fund injection trials in the CCA based on the field program developed under the Healthy Headwaters program.

I trust this information has been of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact the commission directly on 4688 1327 or email enquiries@gfcq.org.au if you have any further queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



John Cotter
COMMISSIONER
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For reply please quote: *MC/PB - TF/13/14688 - DOC/13/170626*

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Please be assured the Queensland Government recognises that some Queenslanders have significant concerns about this industry. While we welcome the major growth the CSG to liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry will bring to the State's economy, and the increased opportunities for business and jobs, further development and progress will need to continue to address the community's concerns. However, it's clear that the social and economic benefits of the industry will be shared by all Queenslanders, particularly those in regional communities.

The CSG to LNG industry operates within a strong regulatory, legislative and compliance framework designed to protect and manage environmental and community impacts. This framework ensures the development of the industry is ecologically sustainable and the environment is protected.

The environmental impacts of the industry are rigorously monitored by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Strict operating conditions are enforced to ensure the industry complies with its legal obligations. Enforcement actions can include issuing a warning and penalty infringement notice and, in more serious cases, it could also include clean-up

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If you would like further information about the CSG to LNG industry, please visit www.industry.qld.gov.au/lng.

Again, thank you for contacting me about this matter.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

For reply please quote: MC/PB - TF/13/13898 - DOC/13/170620

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In relation to your concerns about logging in state forests, the Government is committed to supporting Queensland's forest and timber industry and the vital social and economic contribution it makes in supporting hundreds of direct jobs in regional Queensland. The Government is also committed to the sustainable and balanced long-term management of Queensland's 3 million hectares of state forest.

To give effect to these commitments, the Government recently authorised that timber production once again be undertaken in certain state forest areas that the former Government earmarked solely for conservation purposes, including 1.2 million hectares in southern and central inland Queensland. Many of these state forests, including reopened areas, had been sustainably harvested for most of the previous century and supported regional towns across the State. None of the areas available for harvesting is world-heritage listed forest.

This Government's forest management strategy is designed to encourage investment in new harvesting and milling technology and help to create new, long-term jobs, particularly in regional Queensland. All timber production in state forests, including in reopened areas, will be managed on a sustainable basis. Harvesting is conducted consistent with the *Code of practice for native forest timber production on state lands 2007* on an individual tree selection basis. This sustains a viable forest containing habitat trees, protective buffer strips around watercourses and growing stock for the next harvesting cycle which may be several decades in the future. Only around 30 000 hectares of native State forest areas available for timber production is harvested each year.

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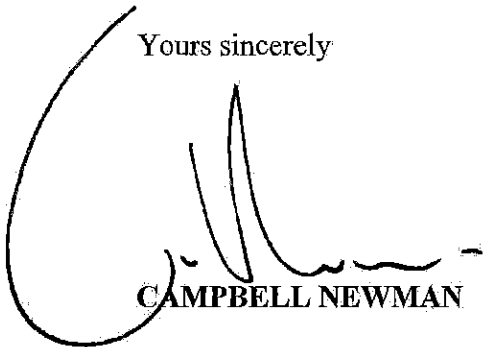
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To: The Premier
Subject: RE: Coal Seam Gas and Great Barrier Reef concerns with attachment
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To the Office of the Premier of Queensland,

Thank you for the letter detailing coal seam gas (CSG) mining in Queensland.

While, I am aware of the so called economic benefits of the CSG industry, such as opportunities of employment, this is not the concern. No matter how many jobs the industry creates, if it is dangerous and risky for the environment and agriculture (i.e. unsustainable), surely it is not worth it?

Also, there were parts of paragraph 2 of the letter (attached to email) which were unclear:

"While we welcome the major growth the CSG to liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry will bring to the State's economy, and the increased opportunities for business and jobs, further development and progress will need to continue to address the community's concerns."

It seems that although you recognise there are environmental concerns and risks to other sectors (i.e. agriculture) involved with CSG and LNG production, the social and economic benefits outweigh these concerns and that before you can rectify any sustainability problems within the industry you must development the industry further without knowing the consequences. This approach seems irresponsible. A strong economy is important but not when there's a price to pay. The government's job is to work out a balance between development and sustainability.

I would also like to reiterate the concern over the Great Barrier Reef and the mining industry's push for coal port expansions. Once again, this is madness. The Great Barrier Reef should not be subject to any more damage. I received a letter from your office addressing an email I wrote you in regards to this issue and all it did was highlight that beside the pollution from the coal industry, the Great Barrier Reef's ecosystem already suffers enough from the the runoff from nearby agriculture despite the fact that it is a UNESCO World Heritage listed site. UNESCO has recognised that it is under threat from coastal developments by alerting the international community of the damage it endures and by possibly putting it on their danger list next year. Queensland can do this by preventing any more coal port expansions.

I believe that the public is unaware of the risk the Reef is under and what is happening. There are many rumours that, although the government has stated that there are no plans for port expansions (such as at Abbott Point) and/or dredging, they are still going ahead. There needs to be a clear legislation to prevent further reef damage and all the information needs to be public.

Sincerely,



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Thank you for your email of 18 September 2013 about coal seam gas (CSG) mining in Queensland, and your concerns for its impact on water resources. I apologise for the delay in responding.

There is a lot of misleading and plainly incorrect information about CSG being touted by some lobby groups and the media. This is most often ill-informed and alarmist rhetoric. If you take the time to investigate the science, the facts, and the thorough system of laws, checks and balances in place to ensure this industry develops in a sustainable and appropriate way, I'm sure you will find a more considered and reassured viewpoint on CSG activities.

For example, using the film *Gasland* as a basis for assessing impacts is misguided. Not only has the film been found to contain glaring factual errors, but it does not even deal with coal seam based sources. The Queensland Government has a strict regulatory framework in place to ensure CSG production does not contaminate Queensland's underground water resources — such as the Great Artesian Basin — water supplies accessed via property bores are maintained, and the potential impact on groundwater fed springs is managed. This includes stipulating actions that CSG operators must take to manage predicted water level or pressure drops and impacts on aquifers, through to banning the use of certain chemicals in the hydraulic fracturing process.

The Government also has regulations for the management of CSG water extracted from the coal seams during production. After being extracted, the water must be treated to suitable standards, and regulations apply to its management and use — whether disposed of, reinjected into aquifers or used for supplies. Detailed information on the Government's regulatory framework can be found on the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's website at www.chp.qld.gov.au and clicking on (1) 'Management and regulation' (2) 'Resource activities including petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas storage' and (3) 'Water'.

I believe that sustainable development and economic growth can coexist alongside a healthy environment. The Government recognises balance is needed between the interests of the expanding resource sector, other industries, landholders, communities and, importantly, our environment. I assure you that the Government is committed to protecting our natural heritage and is adopting programs to ensure development and growth occur responsibly.

I stand by my green legacy from my time as Lord Mayor of Brisbane where I initiated a range of environmental programs. I intend to build on that record, but also believe we can grow jobs, provide opportunities to Queenslanders and balance traditional industry with our obligation and desire to protect our environment.

Unfortunately, I'm not able to meet with you to discuss these issues further. However, there is a wealth of information on the Queensland Government's webpage at www.qld.gov.au covering the Government's actions, plans and policies across these important issues. I encourage you to browse this site.

Again, thank you for your email. I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Chris McKenna

From: The Premier
Sent: Wednesday, 18 September 2013 8:25 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Coal Seam Mining in QLD

Importance: High

Subject: Coal Seam Mining in QLD

Title: Mr

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I am not a greeny, I am just an average QLDer and a professional person with a family living in QLD. I have become aware recently of the aberration that is coal seam gas mining. I am horrified that it has already started in the state of QLD. I wish to first bring to the attention of the Premier the documentary film Gaslands II which highlights the idiocy and effects of coal seam gas mining and its impact already felt in America and how it has been "swept under the carpet" for greed from large companies. I wish to ask the Premier to please take time out of his busy schedule to watch this film. We live in a country with a water problem and we cannot afford to screw up our most precious resource. To pollute our water tables for quick money is outrageous and should not even be considered. This process also releases large amounts of greenhouse gasses. I also wish to meet with the Premier briefly at his discretion to discuss my concerns over within 10 minutes. thanking you for your time

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Chris McKenna

From: The Premier
Sent: Monday, 23 September 2013 11:48 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: Suspend all Coal Mine or Coal Seam Gas Mines until proper independent accumulative water studies have been completed.

Importance: High

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Title: Mr

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Sir/Ma'am,

I'm calling on you as a voting Australian to suspend all Coal mine and Coal Seam Gas mines in the Galilee basin and elsewhere till the impacts of the depleted water are investigated.

We know that Coal mines and Coal Seam Gas mines use huge amounts of water, there is no reason to take money to allow coal mines to use up our precious water.

Farmers, the cattle industry, wine growers, the local community all need this water, don't sell off our resources; we need them for us, not so you can make money.

Don't allow these mines to go ahead or I'll have to vote for someone else next time,

Thank you,

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Date: 8/10/13

Chris McKenna

From: The Premier
Sent: Monday, 30 September 2013 6:18 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: information

Importance: High

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Would like to read the environmental impact studies done on Coal seam gas.

I read many articles most say that it is going to pollute the water,ground and air.
Is this true or just misinformation?

If csg is as bad as people say it is Australia won't be a food bowl you want it to be.

why are you rushing csg before the science is done?

Extremely worried.

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s.73 Personal Information

Dear

Thank you for your further emails to the Premier of 7 and 8 July 2013 about Carbon Energy Limited and Underground Coal Gasification (UCG). I have been requested to write to you on the Premier's behalf and apologise for the delay in responding.

The Independent Scientific Panel (ISP) report makes a significant contribution towards Government making an informed, science-based decision on the potential for a commercial UCG industry to develop in Queensland.

The report suggests Queensland is possibly leading the world developing UCG technology and both Carbon Energy and Link Energy have shown they can successfully commission and operate their technology. However, effective remediation of underground chambers is still a work in progress. The ISP's key recommendations include that:

- the Queensland Government permit Carbon Energy and Link Energy to continue their current pilot trials
- a planning and action process be established to demonstrate successful 'decommissioning' of the underground cavities used as part of the UCG process
- until decommissioning can be demonstrated, no commercial UCG facility should be commenced.

The State Government has provided in-principle support to these recommendations and work is now starting to ensure ongoing trials provided the necessary data and information to make a final decision on the future of the UCG industry.

The Government is committed to growing the resources sector for the economic benefit of all Queenslanders — but in a balanced and sustainable manner. Like all emerging industries, the UCG industry must demonstrate it can be conducted in a manner that is environmentally safe, and that it can adequately co-exist with other resource activities.

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Officers from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines will work in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Heritage to develop the criteria against which ongoing trials will be assessed. The Premier encourages Carbon Energy and Linc Energy to continue working with the Government to demonstrate long-term technical and environmental sustainability of their trial projects.

Again thank you for writing to the Premier, and I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



MICHAEL PRAIN
DIRECTOR OF POLICY

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Chris McKenna

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Sunday, 7 July 2013 12:56 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: RE: Reply for Mr [redacted]

The Queensland Premier Campbell Newman,

Dear Premier,

Further to my earlier email of today I wish to add the following information which is important and relevant to other points made in the email.

In relation to the cavity at the Bloodwood Creek pilot study, the independent report clearly confirmed:

- Containment and control of the gasification process, evidenced by the limited gasification impact outside the defined panel;
- Predictability and therefore validation of the Company's gasification prediction models. The image highlighted that as the gasification process proceeded, it followed very closely to the path predicted from the modelling;
- Cavity size and location was in line with expectations; and
- Confirmation that the Company's patented, automated CRIP system operated effectively.

The electro-seismic method also allowed for continuous monitoring of the reactor growth during the gasification process. As Carbon Energy's keyseam® technology was operating, the size, shape, and location of the cavity could be monitored to confirm it was performing in-line with expectations.

Regards

[redacted]

From: The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au
To: [redacted]
Date: Thu, 27 Jun 2013 13:13:01 +1000
Subject: Reply for Mr [redacted]

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Sent: Sunday, 7 July 2013 12:11 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: RE: Reply for Mr [redacted]

The Premier of Queensland Campbell Newman.

Dear Premier,

Thank you for again taking the time to provide an answer to my last email, I appreciate your busy schedule and the difficulty of finding the time to satisfy concerns such as those which I have been expressing.

I am disappointed that you are not yet satisfied with Carbon Energy Limited's proof of their UCG technology, of the CSIRO's ten year long research and development of the science behind the technology, or of the five years of field work which resulted in a highly successful government-sanctioned proof-of-concept at the company's 100% owned property at Bloodwood Creek near Dalby.

During the proof-of-concept, the pilot program ran non stop, trouble-free, generating emissions-free "syngas" and became the first Australian UCG proponent to feed electricity into the national grid. Carbon Energy could still be feeding the grid from their small 1.5 MW power station, but were not allowed to under the terms of the pilot study agreement. The technology also produced 20 times the energy that CSG could have produced from the same source.

The Bloodwood Creek Panel 2 UCG reactor was operated continuously for 20 months and gasified approximately 13,000 tonnes of coal and formed a cavity of approximately 8,500 cubic metres in size. In March 2012, Carbon Energy announced that Proof-of-Concept was achieved during the Panel 2 trial, including the following key outcomes:

- High quality syngas produced – a 12 month average of 6.45 MJ/Sm³ HHV gas;
- Consistent gas quality;
- No physical intervention or re-ignition required once reactor initiated;
- No impact on groundwater quality or quantity beyond trial area.

An independent cavity survey reinforced Carbon Energy's technically advanced UCG technology confirming;

- Innovative geophysical technique confirmed location and size of Carbon Energy's second UCG reactor;
- The Validation of modelling and operation parameters of the Company's patented keyseam[®] UCG technology; and
- Geophysical technique allowed for continuous monitoring of reactor growth during UCG operations.

Neither CSG nor the Shale Oil industry have been subjected to the same stringent requirements of proof of technology that the UCG proponents have. Without a doubt, both CSG and Shale Oil have varying degrees of social and environmental issues connected to their technologies.

Your government has been supportive of CSG and Shale Oil, but aggressively reactive to UCG. The regulations which CSG fall under are loose and non-specific and there has never been a call from government for an Independent Scientific Panel to provide recommendations for a CSG Policy of a similar nature to that still under review for the UCG technology.

Carbon Energy has earned its right to receiving the enthusiastic support of Australian governments for what they and the CSIRO have achieved. Of substantial significance Carbon Energy announced the Company had been awarded the Advanced Clean Coal Technology Award for its proprietary keyseam® underground coal gasification (UCG) technology at the 10th Clean Coal Forum in Beijing on 13 June 2013,

In addition, Carbon Energy recently announced it has signed a Master Technology Licence Agreement (TLA) with Zhengzhou Coal Industry Group Co Ltd (Zhenzhou Group) to be the exclusive underground coal gasification (UCG) technology partner for a project in Inner Mongolia, China.

Zhengzhou Group is noted among China's top 500 Enterprises and owns the Haogin Coal Field in Xiwuqi, Inner Mongolia, China. The project has already received a Mineral Resources Exploration Licence and UCG Project approval from the Ministry of Land and Resources, PRC and the Inner Mongolian Government. The Commercial Scale Project is to produce at least 30 PJ per annum and is to be completed in 3 stages over the next 2 years and will be fully funded by the Zhengzhou Group. There is the potential for a 1000 MW power station powered by Carbon Energy's emissions free patented keyseam® technology.

Will the Queensland government continue to find the company's technology unproven?

Queensland's commerce and industry groups have expressed dismay at the looming shortage of gas which is set to materialise in 2014/15. There has been a call from the groups for better access to alternative supplies from the domestic market and that supply, or part of it, could so easily be satisfied if Carbon Energy was in a position to begin to ramp up expansion and development of their Bloodwood Creek project, where there is sufficient proven reserves to supply all of Brisbane's energy needs for 25 years.

The fact that you have been kind enough to have replied twice to my emails provides a belief that regardless of outside influences you believe UCG should be given the government support that it justifiably deserves. It would be a great embarrassment to Australia should China benefit from an Australian highly efficient clean coal energy technology whilst UCG remains tangled up with red tape in this country.

Regards,
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Before the Government can consider the development of a commercial scale UCG industry, the trial companies must complete the decommissioning demonstration process. Only when the Government has the scientific basis to make an informed decision on the environmental performance of the trial projects will it be in a position to consider the merits of this potential industry.

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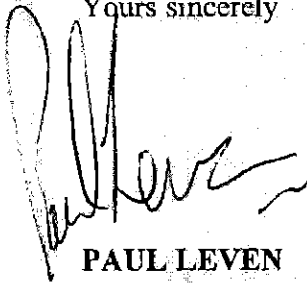
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Again, thank you for writing to the Premier and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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Other new technologies for resource development
like ~~new~~ extraction methods

This is also the case for oil shale development in Queensland. For new oil shale proposals that involve trials of unproven or potentially experimental retorting or extraction technologies, the pathway for considering these proposals will be via a trial and then a staged approach towards full commercialisation. At each stage of the proposed development, the risks and proposed management approaches will be identified, considered and assessed via an Environmental Impact Statement under either the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* or the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

As for the UCG trial, both trial proponents have released statements on the release of the final ISP Report and the Government's announcement of its in-principle support of the overarching recommendations. Carbon Energy welcomed the announcement and noted that the ISP Report recognised Carbon Energy's parallel CRIP UCG technology as current, state of the art technology significantly advanced from alternative UCG technologies. The company also welcomed the pathway to commercialisation being set for the UCG industry in Queensland.

Additionally, I am advised that Carbon Energy has already engaged with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) on the draft framework for decommissioning and stated that the company will continue to work constructively with the Government to progress its rehabilitation plans. DEHP will continue to consult with both trial proponents prior to finalisation of the planning and action process outlined in overarching recommendation 2 of the ISP Report.

Again, thank you for writing to the Premier and I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LEVEN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY

To the Premier of Queensland
The Right Honorable Campbell Newman

The July 2013 ISP Report on UCG Technology and the future of Carbon Energy Limited

Further to previous correspondence, I wish to thank you for the recent email letter dated 9th August, which I received from Mr Michael Prain, Director of Policy.

I have spent considerable time further examining the contents of the recent ISP Report, and researching certain aspects of it that have resulted in Carbon Energy being placed in a very uncertain position. In this respect I am referring to whether or not the company can possibly continue to survive following years of heavy investment in research and development, and the costs incurred during the 20 month long proof of concept program. Under the terms of the ISP Report, the company is now faced with a continuing program of proof of their globally recognised technology, before the government will consider handing down the long awaited UCG Policy.

The ground rules for UCG are certainly a lot different to those being imposed on CSG and Shale Oil. Whether or not this is "fair" or whether the playing field for one is more level than the other isn't the criterion of concern. What matters to the UCG proponents is whether or not the Queensland Government will quite properly take into consideration the level of investment and years of research which has resulted in **Australia becoming a recognised global leader in the field.**

Part of my recent research also covered the supply and demand of gas and energy in Australia, particularly on the eastern seaboard. **The July 2013 Report recently released by the Australian Industry Group, titled Energy Shock, Gas Crises** more than highlighted concerns of industry relating to a critical shortage in the supply of new gas contracts right across the eastern seaboard.

Carbon Energy is all but ready to move towards commercial production at Bloodwood Creek after over five years of research and development and a highly successful government-sanctioned pilot program.

In relation to the major concerns of the ISP, I have sought professional comment from sources within the oil and gas industry, considering that the technology is closely aligned to the P&G Act, and have now received the following observations.

The ISP report and many of the recommendations eg risk-based design practices, use of LOPA, HAZOPs, SIL analysis, etc., would be undertaken as a matter of course if/when CNX engaged a recognised engineering design company to do the detail design for their project.

These practices are undertaken each time detailed design is carried out for any oil&gas/petrochemical project. Carbon Energy's technology has obviously been achieved by talented scientists who may not have the engineering design practice know-how required for those areas brought into question by the ISP. It would be expected that as long as the company engaged a recognised design consultant, all of these things would be successfully implemented.

Obviously there are unknowns with the decommissioning phase and the caverns post-gasification, but a successful outcome for CNX could be considered with a reasonable degree of confidence if they were to engage someone like WorleyParson, Amec, UhdeShedden or other engineering design firm with recognised oil and gas experience, who would be able to comply with the recommendations.

The observations and comments included in the above unambiguously point towards the probability, that under the criterion outlined, Carbon Energy's project at Bloodwood Creek could be approaching the stage where it should be considered for commercial production, all be it initially on a limited scale. Does Carbon Energy deserve the kind of enthusiastic backing of the government that CSG and Shale Oil have received?

Is it in the interest of the State of Queensland to support CNX, whose successful entry into the energy market in Queensland would be highly welcomed by those areas of industry sector which are presently starved of gas supply contracts. According to the Australian Industry Group's report the crises in supply of gas is set to worsen during 2014/15.

The government has both the chance and it could be argued, the responsibility, to consider what government support could be offered to those UCG proponents who have made genuine efforts to comply with the Queensland Governments rules and regulations which governed the pilot programs. It is certainly in the interest of the state's economy that this new technology be allowed to contribute towards Queensland's future prosperity, as long as they were observing safety and environmental guidelines, as the CSG and Shale Oil proponents are allowed to do within their fields of expertise.

During the earlier stages of the Bloodwood Creek pilot program Carbon Energy had a contract for the supply of electricity into the grid. The income stream would have assisted the company to cover a small degree of the costs incurred during the 20 month long non-stop pilot program at Bloodwood Creek. Considering the existing critical lack of gas supply contracts to industry perhaps allowing Carbon Energy to strike a contract for the supply of its Keyseam gas, or alternatively electricity into the grid, would not be an unreasonable request.

Well over a hundred million dollars has been invested in the CNX technology. The company is presently making every effort to remain afloat under very difficult circumstances. Should a worst case scenario occur and their efforts be unsuccessful, and the company be placed into administration, there is the very real danger the patented technology will disappear overseas, probably to China. I suggest this would prove highly embarrassing to the government, and hurt many large, medium and small shareholders.

Is the company and its globally recognised patented technology worthy of a research and development grant from the Queensland Government to assist it during this ongoing prolonged proof of concept stage?

Will the Queensland Government look again at the ISP Report and reconsider if assistance is warranted and if so in what form that assistance can be offered.

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Chris McKenna

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Friday, 16 August 2013 12:43 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Reply to email Re; UCG and Carbon Energy
Attachments: letter to premier.odt

Attention Mr Michael Prain; Director of Policy; The Office of The Premier

Thank you for your recent email letter, dated 9th of August, on behalf of The Premier.

The letter below is in response, and highlights the critical situation Carbon Energy is now facing due to the 4 year long drawn out ISP investigation into the various UCG pilot programs and their individual technologies, and a final report which has left the company with little chance to fulfill the requirements imposed by the panel of experts.

Without any chance of earning an income stream to cover yet more ongoing research and development costs, and after over one hundred million dollars having already been invested, the company has once again had to resort to a share issue at a time when the value of the company's shares have deteriorated to an abysmal level.

If you would be so kind to do so, I have requested that your government will give consideration to certain points that I have raised in the letter with some considerable urgency.



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Message: DOC/2013/000162437

From: s.73 Personal Info
To: The Premier
Cc:
Sent: 29/8/2013 at 1:21 PM
Received: 29/8/2013 at 1:21 PM
Subject: RE: Reply and Update email Re; Carbon Energy and the ISP Report

To The Queensland Premier
 Â Â Â The Â Right Honorable Campbell Newman

ERP/RM-TF/13/15208-DOC/13/142951

Dear Premier,

I am writing once more to bring to your attention theÂ unconscionable damage being inflicted on the fledgling UCG industry in Queensland, in particular the potential demise of the international award winning UCG proponent Carbon Energy Limited.

In a previous email letter dated August 16th I requested that yourÂ government give further thought to the position adopted following the ISP Report beingÂ finallyÂ tabled after 4 long years of investigation into UCG technology. A needless and endless delay that has now placed some of the UCG proponents in financially precarious positions.Â

Following the handing down of the ISP Report, Carbon Energy found itself needing considerably more funds to carry out yet further work at its Bloodwood Creek site, to satisfy the demands imposed. Against this backdrop the company was forced to go to the market with an ill timed share issue. The issue closed on August 21st with only approximately 25% of the shares on issue being taken up.Â

After over ten years of research & development, a successful two year long government sanctioned proof of concept program, and well over \$100 million of investment, it seems investors no longer have faith in your governments intentions towards the UCG industry. There is no doubt most retain an ongoing faith in what CNX and it's technology team have achieved together with their CSIRO partners.Â

The present hard line adopted on UCG by your government, has quite arguably been the major contributor to the failure by Carbon Energy Limited to raise the level of funds needed toÂ satisfy the strict demands imposed on the Bloodwood Creek pilot program. This, in accordance with the ISP Report, is before your government will even give consideration to handing down the long promised UCG Policy.

It is obvious that manyÂ long termÂ shareholders in Carbon Energy Limited, both large and small, have given up on your government ever supporting the highly researched UCG technology. This whilst giving more than favorable consideration to the CSG giants and of late, the shale gas industry, against a backdrop of other states imposing restrictions. I would like toÂ reiterateÂ that I am not against those other industry's, but I am howeverÂ justifiablyÂ against your governments position on UCG.

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Should Carbon Energy fail, and the other UCG proponents simply walk away from trying to get a fair go in Queensland, there will be winners and many losers. The biggest loser will be the State of Queensland.

As per my letter of August 16th, I hope that your government will give some further consideration to what encouragement could be properly and reasonably be offered to Carbon Energy Limited, by the way of assistance in relation to the work expected of it at the Bloodwood Creek site.

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From: [redacted]
To: the.premier@premiers.qld.gov.au
Subject: FW: Reply to email Re; UCG and Carbon Energy
Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2013 06:36:31 +0000

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Attention Michael Prain; Director of Policy; The Office of the Premier

My apologies for not including the above reference code in my email of earlier today.

I have resent the full message as seen below and as per the attachment above.

My full name and address for reference is :

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From: [redacted]
To: the.premier@premiers.qld.gov.au
Subject: Reply to email Re; UCG and Carbon Energy
Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2013 02:42:49 +0000

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Chris McKenna

From: Premier Liaison
Sent: Friday, 30 August 2013 3:58 PM
To: 'SMITH Annette (DNRM)'; 'Thompson, Judith'
Cc: 'nrm@ministerial.qld.gov.au'; Robbie Meddick; Admin ERP (DPC)
Subject: ****FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE**** TF/13/18554 - Ministerial Liaison Request - Mr [REDACTED] s.73 Personal Inform
Attachments: Further to previous regarding the Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) industry, Carbon Energy Limited and the ISP Report.html; Further to previous regarding the Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) industry, Carbon Energy Limited and the ISP Report.tr5
Importance: High

Good afternoon

Please note that the Premier has received **additional correspondence** from Mr [REDACTED] about **Carbon Energy Limited and Underground Coal Gasification**. It would be appreciated if you could please review the additional correspondence, acknowledge receipt in the response currently being prepared and address any new issues that have been raised.

To assist you in preparing your response, please find attached the additional incoming correspondence.

Should you wish to seek an extension so that any new issues raised in the additional correspondence can be addressed, please contact me prior to the current due date of **Friday 6 September 2013** with a proposed new due date.

Once again, thanks in advance for your assistance.

***Please note a .tr5 file has also been attached for DPC's ease of reference. This file is an internal link to our record management system and therefore will not open externally ***

Kind regards,
Paula

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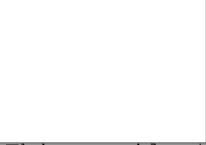
From: The Premier (Ministerial)
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2013 3:46 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: FW: Aquifers

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2013 2:57 PM
To: [Redacted]
Cc: Premier; David Speers
Subject: Aquifers

I am not against mining, indeed I recognise the role it has played throughout history. I went on two Mining in Society excursions when I was teaching. I do, however query the recovery of coal seam gas for the following reasons. Perhaps you can help me better understand what happens. In particular it seems to me that The Great Artesian Basin is in fact a lot of much smaller micro basins in which the aquifers are not necessarily isolated from one another. This implies that what happens to one aquifer can happen to others. The movement of water from the intake beds mainly on the Western slopes of The Great Dividing Range to the greater basin occurs when water seeps into porous rock, usually sandstone or conglomerate, and it fills up the spaces between the rock grains. When this reaches capacity water starts to flow into adjacent porous beds a bit lower and and so on spreading to many thousands of square kilometres of aquifer. When fracking chemicals are pumped into the coal seam to release the methane and other gases from the surface of the solid hydrocarbons in the coal seam it has the potential to increase the pressure in the coal seam, changing it's shape or position relative to adjacent micro basins. The shape change and/ or position change may allow or even force liquid into nearby porous rock. When the gases are extracted, the fracking chemicals are left behind again changing the pressure in the coal seam promoting more movement of fluids in the associated micro basins.

I am not aware of the detailed geology of the Great Artesian Basin; I am not sure it is known by anyone but the structure of the Bowen and Gaiilee basins would suggest that that the structure of aquifers and associated coal seams in the whole basin are similarly complex. As a result of my deliberations and the criticality of access to potable, stock and agricultural water from the Great Artesian Basin, the feasibility of coal seam gas extraction would seem to be problematic. I hope you can clear up these questions for me because it is seriously worrying me. I have already contacted NSW mining and the put me onto you.

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Mrs

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2013 about the coal seam gas (CSG) industry. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Please be assured the Queensland Government recognises that some Queenslanders have significant concerns about this industry. While we welcome the major growth the CSG to liquefied natural gas (LNG) industry will bring to the State's economy, and the increased opportunities for business and jobs, further development and progress will need to continue to address the community's concerns. However, it's clear that the social and economic benefits of the industry will be shared by all Queenslanders, particularly those in regional communities.

The CSG to LNG industry operates within a strong regulatory, legislative and compliance framework designed to protect and manage environmental and community impacts. This framework ensures the development of the industry is ecologically sustainable and the environment is protected.

The environmental impacts of the industry are rigorously monitored by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Strict operating conditions are enforced to ensure the industry complies with its legal obligations. Enforcement actions can include issuing a warning and penalty infringement notice and, in more serious cases, it could also include clean-up requirements, fines or imprisonment.

The CSG Compliance Unit has been established to ensure that CSG and LNG operators comply with their licensing requirements. The unit — which includes environment and groundwater experts, petroleum and gas safety specialists and staff skilled in land issues — is responsible for the regionally coordinated delivery of compliance activities and ensures that there is an integrated whole-of-Government approach to managing complaints.

The Queensland Government is actively working with industry, councils, businesses and communities and has established the GasFields Commission to manage the coexistence between rural landholders, regional communities and the CSG industry in Queensland.

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This Government recognises the importance of agricultural production and has recently released *Queensland's agriculture strategy — A 2040 vision to double agricultural production*. This policy sets out the Government's vision for Queensland's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries to be an efficient, innovative, resilient and profitable sector that thrives in the long term. Should you be interested, you are able to view the agriculture strategy at www.daff.qld.gov.au by clicking on the link, 'Queensland agriculture strategy released'.

To further support this work, the Government is currently preparing statutory regional plans for the Central Queensland and Darling Downs regions. These plans will introduce policies to prioritise agricultural land uses and better determine areas required for the growth of towns. The draft Central Queensland regional plan can be accessed online at www.dsip.qld.gov.au/central-queensland while the Darling Downs regional plan can be found at www.dsip.qld.gov.au/darling-downs, both of which will be released for public notification by the end of June 2013. I encourage you to review the draft plans and provide any feedback during the consultation period.

If you would like further information about the CSG to LNG industry, please visit www.industry.qld.gov.au/lng.

Again, thank you for contacting me about this matter.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Chris McKenna

From: The Premier
Sent: Monday, 1 July 2013 9:14 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: Coal Seam Gas

Importance: High

Subject: Coal Seam Gas

Title: Mrs

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Please don't allow Ian Macfarlane to agree to Coal Seam Mining to go ahead in QLD just because of the almighty dollar. I have been observing the drama that is currently being played in NSW with Barry O'Farrell and Chris Hartcher who appear to be doing whatever they wish in regard to coal seam gas and are hell bent on allowing the mining to go ahead even at the dismay and little consultation with farmers and planning experts. We are an island and we are dependent on the food we grow in this country, if the water becomes contaminated in any way, the land is rendered useless therefore how do we feed our people? In NSW the overseas mining companies are being given approval to enter private farming land to conduct their mining practices and WITHOUT the approval of the farmer. There appears to be a green light for the miners and a red light for the farmers. Barry O'Farrell's government is behaving similar to the previous Labor government, they are not consulting or listening to its constituents but instead are selling the state's resources to overseas companies for the almighty dollar and at the expense of farming land and the farmers. Chris Hartcher is doing so much damage to the Liberal Party they have no idea. I'm very concerned that Ian Macfarlane is also acting very similarly to Hartcher, in his pursuits to sell coal seam gas in QLD it could also be at the expense of prime agricultural land. We need to ensure that proper procedures are in place and independent consultants are examining the details and that both the government and the farmers -are being fed the truth. There is no point listening to consultants if they're from the mining companies as they have an agenda and naturally will not disclose any anomalies. I heard Tony Abbott being interviewed about this subject and his thoughts about mining companies being allowed to go onto properties when those farmers were against coal seam mining and he too thought it was not right therefore I wonder how much thought you have put into this area and if whether you had the same opinion as Tony Abbott OR Barry O'Farrell's style of Liberal Government which I'm sad to say is more left than right. Whilst we are aware of the dire predicament Labor Governments have left both QLD & NSW in, we cannot lift the states debts at the expense of the quick buck when not enough advice has been given in relation to coal seam mining and the possible effects of contaminating the water. I am not an expert in this area by no means but I am very concerned that even the Liberal Governments are treating the people with contempt just as the Labor governments have done by not listening to their concerns especially those who know far more about farming than some politicians who merely sit at their desks and tick off the approval on certain mining contracts without outside independent advice. Please ensure QLD doesn't go down the same path as the O'Farrell government; please ensure our agricultural land remains safe for generations to come

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Dear Ms

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2013 about the coal seam gas (CSG) industry in Western Queensland. I apologise for the delay in responding.

After I received your email, I sought advice directly from my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines so I could better understand the situation. The Government is committed to growing a four pillar economy in Queensland, building on our strengths in tourism, agriculture, resources and construction. Prosperous and well managed resource and agricultural sectors are critical to the economic wellbeing and future of our State and I believe they can be allowed to develop in a sustainable way. CSG forms a key component of the State's resource portfolio and is also an important energy source for Queensland.

Sustainable development and a healthy environment can coexist. However, we recognise balance is needed between the interests of the resource sector, other industries, landholders, communities and importantly our environment. I can assure you that I am very committed to protecting this State's outstanding natural heritage. CSG activities in Queensland are subject to a comprehensive regulatory framework prescribing strict standards for environmental assessment, conditions, monitoring and compliance.

Before CSG operations can commence they undergo a rigorous assessment process, which may include the completion of an environmental impact statement for assessment. If approved, an Environmental Authority then prescribes stringent conditions on the CSG activities, including potential impacts on water and air quality, to prevent or minimise the likelihood of environmental harm or nuisance.

Emissions management in the CSG industry is well regulated under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*, with venting of gas only authorised when flaring is not technically practicable or for safety reasons. Operation of flare equipment is regulated under a CSG company's Safety Management Plan, which assesses the risks of the equipment and their use and ensures proper controls are in place. This comprehensive, risk-based approach to the safety of CSG operations is well supported by regulatory guidelines and policies, such as the Department of Natural Resources and Mines' (DNRM) *Code of Practice for Coal Seam Gas Well Head Emissions Detection and Reporting*. A copy of the code is attached for your information.

On a wider scale, this Government is dedicated to the responsible management of climate change impacts on our economy, communities, infrastructure and environment. Reducing greenhouse gas levels is very much an issue which must be addressed at the global scale and the Queensland Government can only contribute in a small way. However, we support climate adaptation measures which focus on building community resilience, protecting our ecosystems and enhancing industry productivity.

While it continues, the Australian Government's carbon tax is now the mechanism for addressing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. Queensland is working to ensure this intervention is not duplicated through other arrangements. We fully support efforts to develop a clean energy future and renewable energy sources. Queensland has world-class renewable energy resources, including solar, geothermal, biomass and wind and we will continue to help Queensland companies to achieve support from Australian Government programs to undertake renewable energy developments in Queensland.

In Western Queensland, the Government has been working hard to develop a responsible approach to protect and sustainably manage the Western Rivers. In recognition of strong community interest on this matter, Minister Cripps set up the Western Rivers Advisory Panel (WRAP) comprising representatives of community groups, catchment and scientific advisory committees, the resources sector and local government. WRAP comprehensively examined a wide range of issues, submitting its final report to the Government in June 2013.

On 31 July 2013 Minister Cripps announced the core principles of an alternative management framework for these important rivers. Key aspects include the ruling out of open-cut mining and capped water extraction, while oil and gas development will be strictly controlled under strengthened conditions to be contained in the *Environmental Protection Act*. Proposed petroleum and gas projects will be subject to stronger environmental conditions.

Minister Cripps also announced the creation of a special Channel Country Protection Area that will protect a greater area of riverine channels and flood plains than the existing Wild Rivers legislation. This Government is now focused on implementing these core management principles and will continue to consider the WRAP report in the delivery of a positive alternative strategy to replace Labor's restrictive Wild Rivers legislation. Further information about WRAP, including the final report, can also be found on DNRM's website at www.dnrm.qld.gov.au by clicking on (1) 'Water management', (2) 'Western Rivers Advisory Panel Report', and (3) 'Read more', where you can download the report.

Again, thank you for writing to me and I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

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Chris McKenna

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Monday, 1 July 2013 11:06 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: channel country rivers

Dear Mr Newman,

the coal/CSG industry has no place in Western Queensland. Moving equipment in and taking material out will cause more than enough disturbance and create both fugitive and process emissions of methane and carbon dioxide to add to the already overloaded atmosphere. Pollution of the rivers is inevitable, as you can see for yourself from the results of flooding and from pumping out aquifers. Have you already forgotten the summers of 2011 and 2013? This is a forked problem: fossil fuel causes chaotic weather and chaotic weather causes damage you cannot afford to repair. Another two or three summers like these and you will be in a fiscal fix to beat all.

As an engineer you should have some understanding of physics and chemistry; as a man in charge of a government you should have basic knowledge of biology. These three sets of laws combined make up climate. All the politics in the world are helpless in the face of chaotic weather, which you apparently propose to make more so with decisions to expand fossil fuel production. Have a little common sense please, and begin by protecting the channel rivers from greedy mining companies.

Yours faithfully,

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Chris McKenna

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Sent: Monday, 8 July 2013 4:04 PM
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Subject: Good Evening
Date: Fri, 5 Jul 2013 20:39:14 +1030

Good evening Premier,
I see you are still ignoring my emails.
Obviously you are forgetting parts of your job description- 'to serve the PEOPLE'.

I expect a response Premier, and i dont intend to stop sending you these emails until i get one.

Regards

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Subject: FW: Good Afternoon
Date: Thu, 4 Jul 2013 15:12:53 +1030

Good afternoon Premier,
time for your daily email, seeing as you still havent responded to my previous emails.
Til tomorrow, Have a great day!!!

Regards

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Subject: Good Afternoon
Date: Wed, 3 Jul 2013 14:59:59 +1030

Attention: Campbell Newman

If you are so sure CSG is safe, why are you not prepared to put in writing that CSG poses no health risk to those living in the gasfield areas.

Where is our air monitoring?

Are you worried what will be detected in the air we/our children are breathing in?

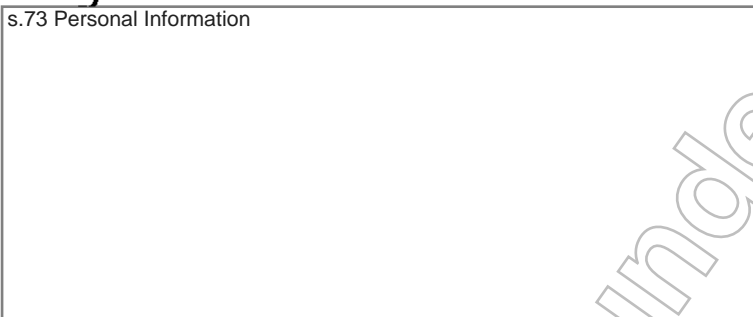
Are you worried it might prove the QLD Government is negligent, have failed their duty of care and denied us our basic human rights-the right to clean air?

Why wont you respond to my emails?

As i said I'm not going away, i will do this every day until i get a response.

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Subject: What are you worried about?

Date: Tue, 2 Jul 2013 12:24:48 +1030

Attention: Campbell Newman

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Where is our air monitoring?

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Subject: Please respond to my emails!

Date: Fri, 28 Jun 2013 09:09:53 +1030

Attention: Campbell Newman-The Premier and Campbell Newman-The Person

Why won't you respond to my emails?

The QLD Government has allowed a gasfield to be developed on top of us, without putting safeguards in place to protect residents, and when we have legitimate questions and concerns, you and the rest of the Government ignore us.

Where is our air monitoring, Campbell Newman?

During a recent discussion with Catherine Tanna, she claimed the Government would NOT put air monitoring in place for such a small amount of people.

Is this correct Campbell Newman?

Is Catherine Tanna dictating whether we get air monitoring?

It is our human right to have clean air Campbell Newman, you are aware nasty contaminants have been detected in the air out here, WHY haven't you already put air monitoring in place?

You, Campbell Newman have failed your duty of care!

Once again, I ask you to respond to my emails,
Once again, I am asking is CSG Safe?

The QLD Government has forced people to live in a gasfield, it is up to the QLD Government to guarantee the safety of the residents in the gasfield area.

If you can't do that Campbell Newman, then you need to rethink turning residential areas into gasfields.

By ignoring this matter, you are allowing harm to continue.

You need to take action Campbell Newman!

I am prepared to meet with you to discuss this situation, please advise a date and time that is convenient.

Regards

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Subject:

Date: Wed, 26 Jun 2013 12:55:29 +1030

Attention: Campbell Newman

What measures has your Government put in place to protect residents who are forced to live in the gasfield areas near Tara from toxic emissions from nearby CSG infrastructure/ponds/flares/high point vents etc?

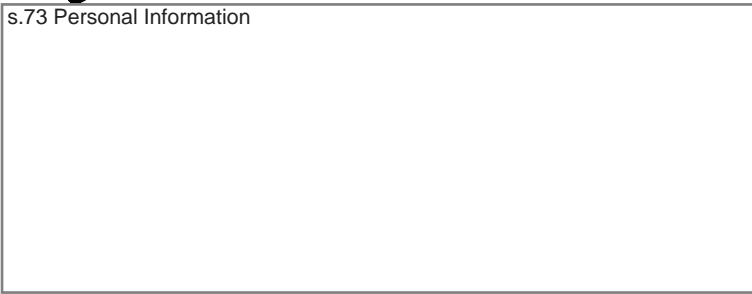
What measures are in place to monitor those emissions?

We believe having CSG infrastructure/ponds/flares/high point vents etc in close proximity to residents is causing harm, and has the potential to cause more harm.

WHY are you and your Government allowing this to continue?

Regards

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Premier's Correspondence Instruction Sheet

RELEVANT DEPT TO CONTACT BY PHONE WITHIN 48 HRS
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Actioned (Policy Advisor): *Paul Leven*

Date: 26/7/2013

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Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

Thank you for your further email of 12 July 2013 about correspondence from Ms Debbie Orr in relation to coal seam gas (CSG). I have been requested to respond to you on the Premier's behalf and apologise for the delay in responding.

The Premier has had 48 emails from Ms [REDACTED], since January 2012, and has responded to Ms [REDACTED] concerns on 16 July 2012, 24 August 2012, 25 October 2012, 24 January 2013 and, most recently, on 17 July 2013. These are in addition to numerous responses to letters from other members of Ms [REDACTED] family on the same issues. However, I should also point out the Premier has received very few letters expressing concerns from other residents in the area.

In answer to your question about the safety of CSG, the answer is yes. Provided the industry complies with the strict laws and conditions imposed by the Government, the Premier believes the industry poses no risk to public health. This is confirmed by a recent Queensland Health (QH) report into the effects of CSG on the health of Tara residents, which was released in March 2013.

The report found that, based on the clinical and environmental monitoring data available, a clear causal link could not be drawn between health complaints and impacts of the CSG industry on air, water and soil in the community. QH did its assessment through a thorough evaluation of environmental monitoring results, specific site testing, available medical records and advice from local doctors.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL PRAIN
DIRECTOR OF POLICY



Queensland
Government

Chris McKenna

From: The Premier
Sent: Friday, 12 July 2013 7:59 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: coal seam gas

Importance: High

Subject: coal seam gas

Title: mrs

First Name:

Family Name:

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Phone:

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State:

Postcode:

Email:

Comment:

A resident of Queensland has been writing to you daily asking questions about coal seam gas, Alan Jones on 2gb read out the dates that you have been sent e-mails and letters that you have not responded to. Why won't you respond? Is coal seam gas safe?

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Actioned. (Policy Advisor): *Paul Leven* Date: *29.7.2013*

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Hon Campbell Newman
Premier of Queensland.

Dear Premier,

It has come to my attention that your Minister
for Natural Resources and Mines, Hon Andrew Cupps
might be considering revoking the Wild Rivers legislation
as it pertains to the Channel Country in Western
Queensland, in order to open the way for CSG, Shale
Gas and Coal mining.

I understand that your own Western Rivers Advisory
Panel recently recommended that a broader community
consultation process is needed. There is great local
concern that mining and gas extraction could well
result in damage or destruction to this very fragile
area.

There are too many risks. When the inevitable
happens it will be too late.

Please consult with the local landholders and
indigenous representatives - not just those who
agree with your point of view.

It is just too important for the long term, not just
short term monetary gain for the few.
You have a responsibility to protect our heritage,

and the best way to do this is to keep
the existing Wild Rivers legislation as it stands

Thanking you

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Dear Mr

Thank you for your letter of 25 July 2013 about the protection of the Channel Country. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Queensland Government is committed to the protection of the Channel Country and its unique river systems. That is why we established the Western Rivers Advisory Panel (WRAP) to provide expert advice, based on local knowledge, on how best to manage the protection and sustainable use of Queensland's western rivers.


The Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines recently announced the Government's intention to designate a special Channel Country Protection Area and the core principles of the management framework to operate in this area.

In line with advice provided by WRAP, no additional water will be made available for large-scale irrigation, including cotton. Open-cut mining will not be allowed in this area. Additionally, petroleum and gas developments, which already occur in the Channel Country, will be subject to stronger environmental conditions than in any other part of Queensland.

Minister Cripps will respond to the remainder of the WRAP's recommendations later this year and will work closely with the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection in giving effect to these principles through environmental legislation.

Again, thank you for raising your concerns with me.

Yours sincerely



CAMPBELL NEWMAN

PREMIER'S BRIEFING NOTE

Policy

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To: THE PREMIER

Date: 12 AUG 2013

Subject: COAG Reform Council's (CRC) report to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on the *Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development: Second assessment report (the report)*

Approved / Not Approved / Noted

Premier

Date 21/8/2013

Date Action Required by:

Requested by:
(If appropriate)

• RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you:

- note the report (**Attachment 1**).

• KEY ISSUES

- On 31 July 2013, the CRC provided the report to all COAG members under embargo until public release (**Attachment 1**). The report was expected to be publicly released by the CRC on 30 August 2013, however, this has now been delayed until after the federal election.
- The key findings of the report from a Queensland perspective are that:
 - o The Federal Government, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia have met their milestones and benchmarks under the National Partnership. NSW has yet to finalise a protocol for referring projects to the Independent Expert Scientific Committee.
 - o Queensland amended both environmental legislation and guidelines before 31 March 2013.
- In 2013-14, the National Partnership Agreement on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development provides notional reward funding allocation of approximately \$7.4 million to Queensland if achievements are met.
- Queensland **has met** all of the 2012-13 milestones and benchmarks, and expects to receive all of the 2013-14 reward funding under this agreement.
- The report provides an accurate reflection of Queensland's progress against the attainment target. A summary of Queensland references from the report (including a traffic light rating) is at **Attachment 2**.
- No written response to the COAG Reform Council is required as the Prime Minister, as Chair of COAG, responds acknowledging receipt of the report. COAG is expected to respond to the report within three months of the public release.

Comments (Premier or DG)


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31 July 2013

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
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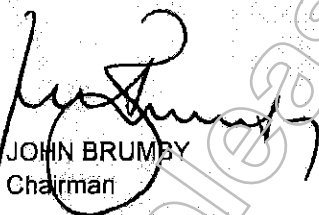
On behalf of the COAG Reform Council I am pleased to present *Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development: Second assessment report*.

This is the COAG Reform Council's final report on the National Partnership Agreement on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) and Large Coal Mining Development. The aim of the National Partnership is to strengthen the scientific evidence and expertise available to governments when making decisions on CSG and large coal mining development.

Our report shows that protocols and necessary legislative arrangements are in place to ensure that decisions on CSG or large coal mining development proposals in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia will be informed by the advice of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee. NSW is yet to finalise its arrangements.

We hope that the findings in this report will continue to assist COAG with its reform agenda.

Yours sincerely


JOHN BRUMBY
Chairman

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Report to the Council of Australian Governments

31 July 2013

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The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
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Dear Prime Minister

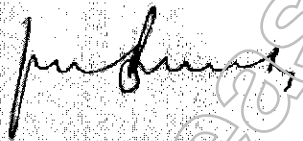
On behalf of the COAG Reform Council I am pleased to present *Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development: Second assessment report*.

This is the COAG Reform Council's final report on the National Partnership Agreement on Coal Seam Gas (CSG) and Large Coal Mining Development. The aim of the National Partnership is to strengthen the scientific evidence and expertise available to governments when making decisions on CSG and large coal mining development.

Our report shows that protocols and necessary legislative arrangements are in place to ensure that decisions on CSG or large coal mining development proposals in Victoria, Queensland and South Australia will be informed by the advice of the Independent Expert Scientific Committee. NSW is yet to finalise its arrangements.

We hope that the findings in this report will continue to assist COAG with its reform agenda.

Yours sincerely



JOHN BRUMBY
Chairman

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Key findings

The Commonwealth, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia have met their milestones and benchmarks under the National Partnership. NSW has yet to finalise a protocol for referring projects to the Independent Expert Scientific Committee.

Victoria, Queensland and South Australia have met the agreed milestone and benchmark

The Victorian Government reviewed its legislation and found it to be compliant with the requirements of the National Partnership. Victoria published amended environmental guidelines on 30 September 2012.

Queensland amended both environmental legislation and guidelines before 31 March 2013.

South Australia reviewed its legislation and found it to be compliant with the National Partnership.

NSW has not amended its relevant legislation, regulations or guidelines in line with the National Partnership.

Summary of assessment of progress against the March 2013 milestone

Jurisdiction	Progress status
New South Wales	Compliant
Victoria	Compliant
Queensland	Compliant
South Australia	Compliant

Queensland referred a project to the Independent Expert Scientific Committee

Queensland referred one project to the Independent Expert Scientific Committee (IESC) for advice (Kevin's Corner, which was jointly referred by the Commonwealth). The Commonwealth has also referred projects in Queensland and NSW to the IESC.

There were no CSG or large coal mining project proposals in Victoria or South Australia in the period between the publication of protocols and amendment of legislation, regulations and guidelines.

NSW has not published a protocol for referring projects to the IESC. As the benchmark commences with the publication of a protocol, we have not assessed NSW's performance against this benchmark.

Summary of progress against the March 2013 benchmark

Jurisdiction	Progress status
New South Wales	Benchmark not assessed
Victoria	
Queensland	
South Australia	

Update on milestones assessed in our first report

Victoria and Queensland published their protocols for referring projects to the IESC before the 30 September 2012 deadline.

South Australia published its protocol on 14 December 2012, and has now completed this milestone.

NSW has not yet published a protocol.

Summary of progress against the September 2012 milestone

Jurisdiction	Progress status
New South Wales	
Victoria	
Queensland	
South Australia	

The Commonwealth was required to establish the IESC by 1 July 2012. While an Interim committee was in place in December 2011, the IESC was formally established on 27 November 2012.

Summary of progress against July 2012 milestone

Progress status

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Chapter 1.

About this report

This chapter outlines the National Partnership Agreement on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development and the context in which it was agreed.

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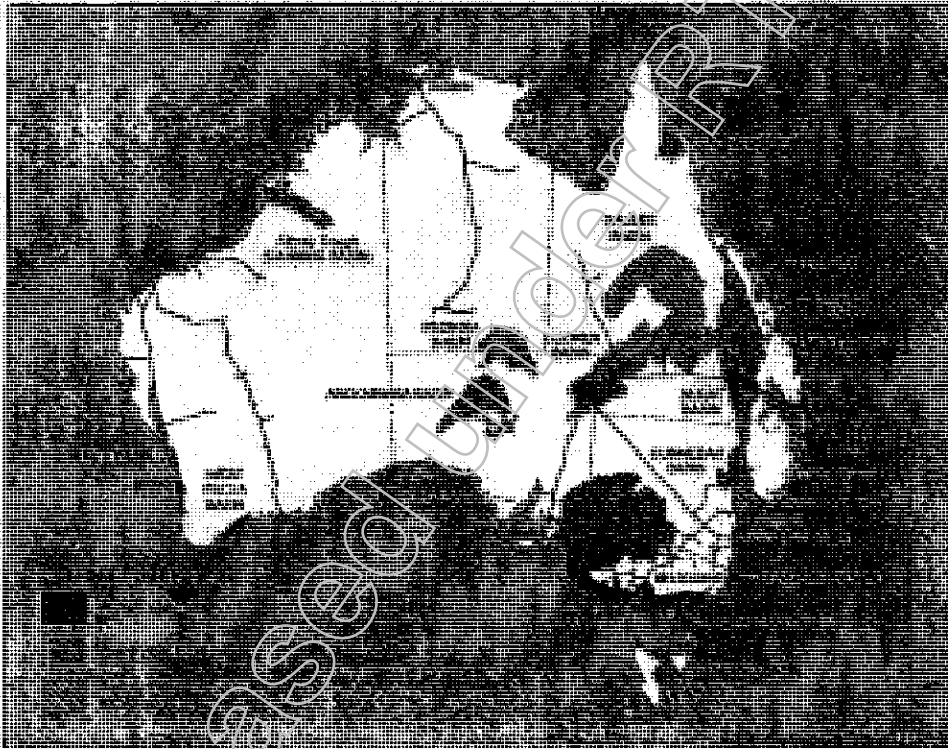
Coal seam gas in Australia

Coal seam gas exploration and production is a growing industry, however there are community concerns about the extraction process.

Coal seam gas (CSG) is valuable to Australia's economy and energy security

Australia's CSG reserves are estimated to be 35 000 petajoules (PJ), of which 92% is located in Queensland and the remainder in New South Wales. Figure 1 shows the current CSG exploration and production areas in NSW and Queensland.

Figure 1 Australian basins with coal seam gas potential



Source: DPET, *Op. cit.*, 2011, p. 27.

Over the period 2002–03 to 2010–11, CSG production has grown from 2% to 11% of Australia's total gas production. This figure is expected to continue to grow as the three CSG to liquefied natural gas (LNG) export projects currently under construction in Queensland are completed: Queensland Curtis LNG, Gladstone LNG and Australia Pacific LNG.

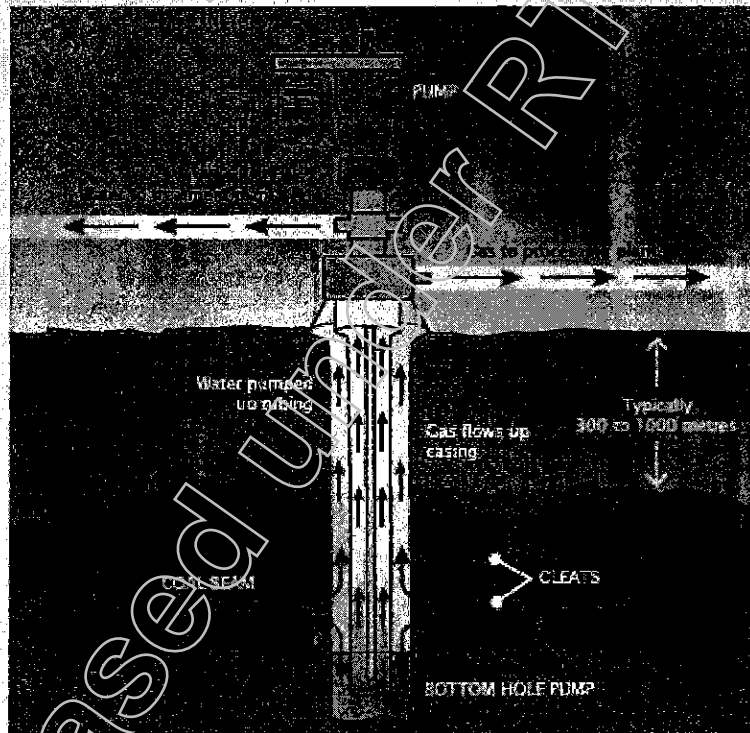
Australia's LNG export value was estimated to be \$9.6 billion in 2010 (Australian Gas Assessment 2012).

Hydraulic fracturing 'fracking' process

CSG is extracted by drilling a well into a coal seam. Where the coal has low permeability, large volumes of water, sand and additives are pumped at high pressure through the well which increases the natural fractures in the coal seam. This allows the gas and water in the coal seam, as well as the injected material, to move through the fractures into and up the well. This process is known as hydraulic fracturing or fracking (Geoscience Australia n.d.). Figure 2 shows the hydraulic fracturing process.

Concerns have been raised about the effects on the groundwater and surface water resources of the extraction process and the potential for connection and cross-contamination of waste water between aquifers (National Water Commission 2012).

Figure 2 Hydraulic fracturing process



Source: CSIRO 2012

The National Partnership

This National Partnership aims to ensure that government decisions on proposals to develop coal seam gas resources are underpinned by strong scientific advice.

Our report assesses whether the milestones and benchmark agreed under this National Partnership have been met

The National Partnership Agreement on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (the National Partnership) is an agreement between the Commonwealth, NSW, Victorian, Queensland and South Australian governments.

Box 1 Objective and outcomes of the National Partnership

The objective of the National Partnership is to strengthen the regulation of CSG and large coal mining development by ensuring that future decisions are informed by substantially improved science and independent expert advice.

This Agreement will facilitate the following outcomes:

- increased evidence supports strategic and regional scale management of CSG and large coal mining developments and their impact on water resources
- strengthened scientific evidence and independent expertise informs regulatory decisions on CSG and coal mining developments that are likely to have a significant impact on water resources
- well informed communities have greater confidence in Commonwealth and State regulation of CSG and large coal mining development.

Source: COAG 2012, cl. 10–11.

Milestones and benchmarks in the National Partnership

Under the National Partnership, the Commonwealth agreed to establish the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC). The IESC provides independent, expert scientific advice on the potential water related impacts of coal seam gas and large coal mining development proposals referred to it by Commonwealth, State and Territory regulators.

States agreed to amend their relevant laws, regulations and guidelines so that:

- coal seam gas or coal mining developments that are likely to have a significant impact on water resources are referred to the IESC for advice
- decision makers on applications take account of the IESC's advice in a transparent manner.

Box 2 describes the milestones and benchmark agreed by the Commonwealth and participating States under the National Partnership.

Box 2 Performance milestones and benchmark

Assessed in this report

2013 milestone: States

By 30 March 2013 the States will amend relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines so that CSG or large coal mining project proposals that are likely to have a significant impact on water resources are referred to the IESC for advice.

2013 benchmark: States

During the period between the publication of protocols and the amendment of laws, regulations and guidelines, the States refer all project applications for CSG or coal mining developments that are likely to have a significant impact on water resources to the IESC.

Assessed previously

2012 milestone 2012: Commonwealth

By 1 July 2012 the Commonwealth will establish the IESC.

2012 milestone: States

By 30 September 2012 each State will publish a protocol that describes how they will decide which project applications should be referred to the IESC for advice.

Source: COAG 2012, cl. 18–19.

Our role

In this report, we assess the progress made by governments to achieve the 2013 milestone and benchmark. We also re-examine the outstanding or incomplete 2012 milestones.

Under the National Partnership, the States are eligible for 'in-arrears project payments' for meeting the milestones and benchmark. We do not make recommendations on whether payments are to be made under the National Partnership.

This is our final assessment report for this National Partnership. As there are no further milestones, we have not assessed risk. Box 3 explains how we show progress in the assessment tables.

Box 3 Explanation of the milestone progress status

The progress status and risk status tables use a green–amber–red colour scheme.



Progress is rated **green** if, in the council's assessment, a milestone has been fully or largely completed on time.



Progress is rated **amber** if, in the council's assessment, a milestone has been only partially completed or completed late, but within the reporting period.



Progress is rated **red** if, in the council's assessment, a milestone has not been completed.

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Chapter 2.

Assessment of progress

This chapter reports the council's assessment of participating governments' progress against the milestones and benchmark agreed in the National Partnership.

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Commonwealth: 2012 milestone now achieved

The Commonwealth has now achieved its milestone of establishing the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development.

Progress since the council's previous report

The Commonwealth was required to establish the Independent Expert Scientific Committee (IESC) by 1 July 2012. As described in our first report against the National Partnership, an interim committee was in place in December 2011. In our first report, we found that the Commonwealth milestone to establish the IESC had not been fully completed by the agreed deadline.

However, the IESC was formally established on 27 November 2012, following the proclamation of amendments to the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* [Cwth] (EPBC Act) on 9 November 2012 (Box 4 sets out the members of the IESC).

The Commonwealth has subsequently introduced amendments to the EPBC Act [Cwth]. These amendments identify water resources in relation to CSG and large coal mining proposals, as being a 'matter of national environmental significance'. This means that all CSG and large coal mining development proposals that are likely to have a significant impact on a water resource, will be assessed and approved by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment. As part of the Commonwealth approval process, the Minister must also obtain and consider the advice of the IESC.

The council's finding on the Commonwealth's milestone



Box 4 IESC members

Ms Lisa Corbyn (Chair)

Ms Corbyn is the chair of the Committee and was CEO of the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Director General of the NSW Environment Protection Authority and Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water from 2000 to 2012. Ms Corbyn holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration—Natural Resource Management from the University of Washington in the USA, and undertook a fellowship at Princeton University focusing on environmental economics.

Professor Craig Simmons

Professor Simmons is a Professor of Hydrogeology at Flinders University and Director of the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training. He is a leading international authority in hydrogeology and is considered one of Australia's foremost groundwater academics. Professor Simmons has been a significant contributor to global advances in the science of hydrogeology for many years.

Emeritus Professor Angela Arthington

Professor Arthington is a leading authority on the ecology of Australian rivers, including the ecology of endangered and alien species, and the ecological roles of environmental water flows. Her research and consulting work spans tropical, sub-tropical and arid-zone river systems in Australia, South East Asia and South Africa. She is an aquatic ecologist in the Australian Rivers Institute at Griffith University, a member of the Commonwealth Environmental Water Scientific Advisory Panel, and serves on the Lake Eyre Basin Scientific Advisory Panel.

Ms Jane Coram

Ms Coram leads the Groundwater Group at Geoscience Australia and has expertise in the development of multidisciplinary, regional assessments of the role of groundwater processes in groundwater-surface water dynamics, dryland salinity and groundwater sustainability.

Emeritus Professor Peter Flood

Professor Flood is a geologist with 44 years experience in basin studies, including within the highly relevant Gunnedah, Bowen and Surat Basins where he studied the impacts of mining and coal seam gas extraction on water resources.

Dr Andrew Johnson

Dr Andrew Johnson is a natural resource scientist and a senior CSIRO executive with responsibilities for leading the organisation's water, land, climate, marine, biodiversity, urban sustainability and regional development research.

Professor Dayanthi Nuggeoda

Professor Nuggeoda is an expert in environmental toxicology and ecosystem health. She heads the Ecotoxicology and Environmental Biology research team at RMIT University in Melbourne, is a research leader at the Victorian Centre for Aquatic Pollution Identification and Management, and is the current President of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Australasia.

Mr Jim McDonald

Mr McDonald has extensive experience in natural resource management and has served in senior board positions, most relevantly and recently as the former Chair of the Namoi Catchment Management Authority and member of the Namoi Groundwater Ministerial Taskforce and the New South Wales Groundwater Adjustment Advisory Committee.

Source: IESC n.d.

New South Wales: referral process not in place

New South Wales has not published its protocol for referring projects to the IESC and has not amended its legislation, regulations or guidelines.

Summary of progress assessment

Milestone or benchmark	Progress status
2013 milestone	Not assessed
2013 benchmark	Benchmark not assessed
2012 milestone (previously assessed)	Assessed

2013 milestone: amendments to relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines

NSW has not yet amended the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) Act 2007* [NSW] to provide for CSG and large coal mining project proposals to be referred to the IESC for advice. Draft amendments to the Act were made publicly available between 15 November and 14 December 2012.

2013 benchmark: referral of projects to the IESC

NSW has not published a protocol for referring projects to the IESC. As the benchmark commences with the publication of a protocol, we have not assessed NSW's performance against this benchmark.

Previously assessed 2012 milestone: publication of IESC referral protocol

NSW has not yet completed this milestone. At 30 April 2013, NSW was still negotiating with the Commonwealth on its draft protocol.

Victoria: all milestones and benchmark met

Victoria's environmental guidelines were amended to support the commitments made under the National Partnership Agreement. The new guidelines came into effect on 30 September 2012.

Milestone or benchmark	Progress Status
2013 milestone	Met
2013 benchmark	Met
2012 milestone (previously assessed)	Met

2013 milestone: amendments to relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines

The Victorian Government reviewed its legislation and found it to be compliant with the requirements of the National Partnership. Victoria published amended environmental guidelines on 30 September 2012.

The guidelines now require that any project proposal to extract coal seam gas, develop a new coal mine or expand an existing approved area for coal mining be referred to the Minister for Planning. The Minister will then make a decision on the need for an Environmental Effects Statement (EES). These guidelines apply to projects that could significantly affect the beneficial uses of water resources.

The guidelines stipulate that technical advice will be sought from the IESC on the environmental management measures relating to direct and indirect effects on water resources of these projects.

When making a decision on the project proposal, the guidelines also require the Minister to consider the IESC's advice and provide 'reasons for relevant findings and recommendations in his/her assessment in the context of the IESC's advice.' The guidelines also require that decisions on referrals are to be published on the Department of Planning and Community Development's website.

2013 benchmark: referral of projects to the IESC

There were no CSG or large coal mining project proposals in Victoria in the period between the publication of the protocol and amendment of legislation, regulations and guidelines.

From August 2012, new CSG exploration approvals and hydraulic fracturing approvals have been suspended by the Victorian Government.

Previously assessed 2012 milestone: publication of IESC referral protocol

As discussed in our last report, Victoria published its protocols for referring projects to the IESC on 30 September 2012.

Queensland: all milestones and benchmark met

Queensland's amendments to its environmental legislation came into effect on 31 March 2013.

Milestone or benchmark	Progress status
2013 milestone	Met
2013 benchmark	Met
2012 milestone (previously assessed)	Met

2013 milestone: amendments to relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines

The Queensland Government requires an environmental authority for any CSG or large coal mining projects in the State. In order to secure an environmental authority, a project must undergo an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* [Qld] and the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* [Qld].

The EIS standard terms of reference which must be addressed under both Acts have been amended to require assessment of significant impacts on water resources. Under Queensland's protocol published on 28 September 2012, any proposals likely to cause a significant impact on water resources must be referred to the IESC for advice.

The Queensland Government amended the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* [Qld] to require the final decision on the approval of a CSG or large coal mining project to 'consider protection of the environmental values of waters (including groundwater and any associated surface ecological systems.' These amendments came into effect on 31 March 2013. The approval decision must take account of the EIS and any submissions to the EIS, including the IESC advice. The decision and assessment report are made publicly available.

2013 benchmark: referral of projects to the IESC

In the period between the commencement of the legislative amendments and the publication of Queensland's protocol (on 28 September 2012), the Queensland Government referred the Kevin's Corner (Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd) project to the IESC for advice (20 December 2012).

Previously assessed 2012 milestone: publication of IESC referral protocol

As discussed in our previous report, Queensland published its protocols for referring projects to the IESC on 28 September 2012.

South Australia: all milestones and benchmark met

South Australia reviewed its laws and regulations and found them to be in compliance with the National Partnership.

Milestone or benchmark	Progress status
2013 milestone	Met
2013 benchmark	Met
2012 milestone (previously assessed)	Met

2013 milestone: amendments to relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines

The South Australian Government reviewed its relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines for their consistency with the National Partnership. The review found that no amendments were required to the following instruments:

- *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 [SA]* and its associated regulations
- *Mining Act 1971 [SA]* and its associated regulations
- *Development Act 1993 [SA]* and its associated regulations
- South Australian Protocol for the Referral of Project Applications to the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Developments.

The Protocol requires IESC advice to be considered by the Minister when making planning decisions and preparing the assessment report. Environmental assessments and decisions are available online.

2013 benchmark: referral of projects to the IESC

There were no proposals for CSG or large coal mining developments in South Australia between the publication of the protocol and the finalisation of the review.

Previously assessed 2012 milestone: publication of IESC referral protocol

Although the South Australian protocol for project referral commenced on 24 September 2012, it was not published as at 30 October 2012. The protocol was published on 14 December 2012 and is available at www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au.

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Appendix A

Our method

Our report assesses whether the milestones and benchmark agreed to by the Commonwealth and the States under this National Partnership Agreement have been met. We also look at the outstanding or incomplete milestones from our last report.

This is the council's second and final assessment report for this National Partnership.

Under the National Partnership, the States are eligible for 'in-arrears project payments' for meeting the milestones and benchmark. We do not make recommendations on whether payments are to be made under the National Partnership.

Box 5 describes the milestones and benchmark agreed by the Commonwealth and participating States under the *National Partnership Agreement on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Minister Development*.

Box 5 Performance milestones and benchmark

Commonwealth milestone

By 1 July 2012 the Commonwealth will establish the IESC.

State milestones

By 30 September 2012 each State will publish a protocol that describes how they will decide which project applications should be referred to the IESC for advice in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

By 31 March 2013 the States will amend relevant legislation, regulations and guidelines in accordance with clause 15 (role of the States).

State benchmark

During the period between the publication of protocols under clause 18(b) and the amendment of laws, regulations and guidelines under clause 15(b), the States refer all project applications for CSG or coal mining developments that are likely to have a significant impact on water resources to the IESC for advice.

Source: COAG 2012, cl. 18-19.

The council's role is to independently assess performance against the milestones and benchmark

Our role is to independently assess the degree to which the Commonwealth and participating States have met agreed milestones and the benchmark (COAG 2012, cl. 22).

Our performance assessments draw on a range of inputs, including:

- independent research on the relevant activities of governments, based on publicly available information
- detailed progress reports and formal comments provided by governments
- additional information we request from governments to assist the assessment process (such information is treated as an addendum to government progress reports).

For this report, we assess the progress governments have made in achieving their milestones up to the date they reported on progress (1 April 2013). Progress since 1 April 2013 is included in an update on project advice published with this report.

Appendix B

The Independent Expert Scientific Committee

As of 1 April 2013, fifteen coal seam gas or large mining projects had been referred to IESC.

Project application	Regulator requesting advice	Date of referral	IESC advice
Projects located in New South Wales			
Boggabri Coal Mine Extension	Commonwealth	29 November 2012	20 December 2012
Aston Coal 2 Pty Ltd Leard Forest Road, Gunnedah Coal Basin, Majles Creek Coal Project	Commonwealth	29 November 2012	20 December 2012
Tarrawonga Coal Pty Ltd, open cut mine expansion	Commonwealth	29 November 2012	20 December 2012
Gloucester Coal Seam Gas Project	Commonwealth	3 December 2012	20 December 2012
Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Ltd/Ulan, Open Cut Mine Two Underground Mines - Moolarben Stage 2	Commonwealth	5 December 2012	7 February 2013
Drayton South Coal Mine	Commonwealth	13 December 2012	7 February 2013
Mt Penny Coal Project	Commonwealth	13 December 2012	7 February 2013
North Expansion of Camden Gas Project	Commonwealth	17 December 2012	7 February 2013
Stratford Coal Mine Extension Project	Commonwealth	18 January 2013	26 February 2013

Project application	Regulator requesting advice	Date of referral	IESC advice
Projects located in Queensland			
Drake Coal Pty Ltd Open Cut Coal Mine	Commonwealth	29 November 2012	21 December 2012
Newlands Coal Extension Project, Bowen Basin	Commonwealth	30 November 2012	21 December 2012
Sonoma Coal Mine Expansion, Coral Creek Diversion	Commonwealth	3 December 2012	20 December 2012
Kevin's Corner Coal Mine Project	Commonwealth and Queensland	20 December 2012	7 February 2013
Arrow Surat Gas Project - Expansion	Commonwealth	14 January 2013	26 February 2013
Bowen Gas Project	Commonwealth	28 March 2013	30 May 2013

Note: Information on projects referred to the IESC after the reporting period can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/coal-seam-gas-mining/proposal-advice.html#advice>

Source: IESC 2013

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Subject: QLD Health report inadequate
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Attention: Lawrence Springborg

Regarding the response from Peter Bristow dated 19/07/13 (attached) to my question relating to location of Coal Seam Gas infrastructure in proximity to residents, i have to ask:

WHY doesn't QLD Health have details regarding location of Coal Seam Gas infrastructure, flares, high point vents, ponds etc, and why do they not have details regarding what toxic chemicals/ VOC's are being discharged from the ponds, flares, high point vents which are located in close proximity to residents?

Surely to do an adequate investigation into whether Coal Seam Gas is impacting on the health of gasfield residents, that information would be essential?

Regards



When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty-

Thomas Jefferson



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s.73 Personal Information

Dear M/s

Thank you for your email dated 22 June 2013 to the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health in relation to information on coal seam gas in the Tara area. The Minister has referred your email to me for direct response.

The Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service and Queensland Health does not have access to the information you have requested.

These questions would be best answered by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines or the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68.

I understand that you also raised these issues at the last meeting of the Gasfields Community Support Group, which was held in Chinchilla on 18 June 2013. At that meeting certain agencies were tasked with gathering the requested information and presenting it back to the group at the next meeting.

If you require further information on the co-ordination of the Gasfields Community Support Group, Mr Ian Heiner, Acting Executive Director, Coal Seam Gas Compliance Unit, Department of Natural Resources and Mines can be contacted on (07)4529 1295.

Yours sincerely

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To Premier Newman

We are a sensitive receptor at [redacted] after constant complaining about dust from pipe line construction next door to our home for the past four and half months.

[s.73 Personal] has Asthma induced heart-attack in this time, today I rang Ian Hyner Coal Seem Gas Engagement Unit, to be told by Steven Ward that they would not shut down this site even though they have said water would used to suppress the dust and they are not.

Why have they refused to do there job to protected my [redacted] health in our own environment.

PLEASE HELP ME

[redacted]

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Chris McKenna

From: s.73 Personal Information
Sent: Thursday, 15 August 2013 7:41 PM
To: The Premier; Heiner Ian; Brian Monk
Subject: The highly successful compliant CSG Unit.

Hey Premier,
love the way you have organized your departments. Is this how you look after fellow Queenslander's and Australian's. Do you feel any responsibility to Australian's or are you so controlled by foreign entities that you simply ignore those you supposedly represent. Well Premier I feel your action comes close to treason, representing multinationals above your own people. Did you not once wear the uniform of an Australian Army Officer, do you not feel you do that uniform a great disservice?
I see your CSG Compliance Unit continues to fail to ensure any form of compliance by this industry. Well as you can see by the following video, I have no fence, I have no contracts with this company, I have no financial arrangements with them. So I believe it is reasonable for you to force your lack of compliance unit to act on this matter, you are failing Australians by allowing a failed Unit to continue failing. Even you must see this industry respects nothing in its path, yet you support this industry blindly, how do you explain to Australians why you allow this to continue.
The actions of this industry remind me of the actions of the railroad in early USA times, I guess they had a puppet government then as well.

<http://youtu.be/KbUiyfpt8Ts>

I am fully aware of the respect your office should command, I am very aware of how I should address your office. But sadly your office, what you have done to it, deserves no respect. I would hope that you could act now in a manner one would expect from the office you hold and sort this foreign company out. Make it comply with its social and legal responsibilities. Why does your Government maintain this industry is in any way regulated, this video clearly shows you apply no regulations to it.
I would expect you to direct Ian Heiner to address this issue immediately.
As always I will share this email widely, as I will share your response. It is my belief that Australians deserve to know how you treat those who stand between the unconventional gas industry and their foreign greed.



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Chris McKenna

From: The Premier
Sent: Thursday, 29 August 2013 7:22 AM
To: The Premier
Subject: CSG threatening people's lives

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Subject: CSG threatening people's lives

Title: Mr

First Name: [s.73 Pers]

Family Name: []

Email: []

Phone: []

Address: []
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Email: []

Comment:

Dear Mr Newman,

I have written to you a couple of times about the CSG issue, and each time you have reliably written back to me with information regarding what efforts the government is going to to ensure that CSG can co-exist with landholders and improve the financial and social situation in Queensland. In spite of all this information, I continue to see footage and read very upsetting reports from Mr [] (I'm pretty sure you know the name, I'd be vey disappointed if not) of [] regarding the appalling treatment of himself, friends and family. I have seen videos of fences being brazenly destroyed by excavators, I see poor quality tests being conducted on [] bore water on video, and the latest is the following statement on Facebook, for which I would dearly like to see you give feedback. I actually fear you Mr Newman.

"Remember when i was [] the Anti-csg person, remember then. So this post id from that [] OK, not the Senate candidate, can we get on this page right now please. [] the grand father, the [] who has many friends being impacted by CSG, this is not politicking, please see this that way. This is important. You may remember me saying on a status that some friends who live next door to Origins Ironbark project were complaining of black droplets of something blowing over their cars, roof, land, tanks, dams, selves and kids and animals, etc. Remember this is the project that until we filmed, without trespass I might add, a flare roaring away on the project. They then admitted that there was action happening but didn't offer any real information. So friends took a tissue sample and gave it to Ian Heiner of the CSG Compliance Unit to have an analysis done. they also asked Origin to meet and discuss the moisture that was dropping in on them. Brendan Barret and his side kick attended, I was there, they thought it was a political stunt, it wasn't, I care about the people being impacted, something, they and the government clearly do not, I more than many know what that impact feels like. So Origin and the Government being good caring souls sent the police out to intimidate the residents over near ironbark project. Lets not look at the issue, lets not explain it, lets not assure people what is in the droplets, no, lets just heavy already impacted and ill people. So Origin not only devalues their properties to nothing, not only sprays some form of mist over them, a mist that makes them feel ill immediately on smelling, covering their rain water collecting roof. Origin is intent on moving an industrial hub in onto them, refuses to research the chemicals, but then calls out the police to intimidate them. Make them sick, scare the hell out of them, and then call in the police. Why are the police not investigating the chemicals, they have a forensic unit, why are they not investigating this crime, at the very least it is trespass. Now I have faith in police doing their job if they are allowed to do it, so I have to assume the police were directed to intimidate these souls by a very corrupted evil government. If some one can give me a better

explanation please do so. And please dont use the money ploy, all the polluticians would be reading that states in the USA who embraced unconventional gas dont get enough royalties to upkeep the roads. So Pollutics aside, how many people think vulnerable people deserve this kind of treatment??? And why has the gov not done an investigation??? Ian Heiner, what is wrong with you??? Campbell Newman, what is wrong with you??? We know what is wrong with swiney... Australians, what is wrong with us all to allow this to happen??? Police, what is wrong with you???? Barrett, what is wrong with you??? People will look back on this time and see all those who supported this industry as the shit they are, every worker, every stooge promoting it, every corrupted pollutician, every business that sold its soul for the buck. And every one of us who sat on our arses while it happened." [redacted] via Lock the Gate Brisbane, Facebook.

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your further email of 29 August 2013 forwarding Mr [REDACTED] Facebook post about the Ironbark coal seam gas (CSG) project. I have been requested to respond to you on the Premier's behalf.

The Premier is aware of Mr [REDACTED] general views on the impacts of CSG mining. The Premier's office has written to him and members of his family numerous times and officers from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, including the CSG Compliance Unit, have had ongoing interaction with Mr [REDACTED] about his concerns and allegations.

The Government is also aware of concerns being raised about Origin Energy's Ironbark CSG project and is taking this matter seriously. The CSG Compliance Unit has been working with the community about various complaints, and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (DEHP) is now formally investigating.

Air and particulate samples provided by landholders have been sent for laboratory analysis. Origin has informed the CSG Compliance Unit that their initial investigation, including a site visit and inspection of all wells and infrastructure, does not appear to indicate physical evidence of any 'oily' fallout on any of Origin's Duke 2 pilot or surrounding infrastructure.

DEHP is investigating potential causes of the material. DEHP's analysis of materials and information collected from a resident and from Origin does not indicate a potential industrial source, rather it is more likely to be a natural event. DEHP will continue its investigation and officers will be in contact with landholders. Findings will be made available to affected residents.

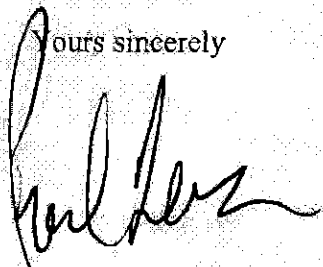
The CSG Compliance Unit has encouraged landholders to contact their local health professional if concerned about the potential health impacts while the investigations continue.



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Again, thank you for raising this matter with the Premier. I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Leven', written in a cursive style.

PAUL LEVEN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY

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Dear Mr

NFA

Thank you for your letter of 1 September 2013 raising concerns about the impact of coal seam gas (CSG) on Queensland's underground water, and concerns for the Great Barrier Reef. I have been requested to respond to you on the Premier's behalf and I apologise for the delay in responding.

This Government takes the management of CSG water very seriously. While extracting water from coal seams is essential for CSG production, protecting underground water resources and ensuring landholders and communities have access to good quality underground water is vital.

The Government has a regulatory framework in place to ensure CSG production does not contaminate Queensland's underground water resources (like the Great Artesian Basin), water supplies accessed via property bores are maintained, and the potential impact on groundwater fed springs is managed. This includes stipulating actions CSG operators must take to manage predicted water level or pressure drops and impacts on aquifers, through to banning the use of certain chemicals in the fracking process.

The Government also has regulations for the management of CSG water, or water extracted from the coal seams during production. After being extracted, the water must be treated to suitable standards, and regulations apply to its management and use — whether disposed of, reinjected into aquifers or used for supplies.

Detailed information on the Government's regulatory framework can be found on the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's website at www.ehp.qld.gov.au and clicking on (1) 'Management and regulation' (2) 'Resource activities including petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas storage' and (3) 'Water'.

In relation to your comment about the Government doing nothing about nutrient runoff and crown-of-thorns star fish impacting the Great Barrier Reef, in fact, this Government is doing more now to protect the Reef than at any time in living memory. The Government spends over \$64 million a year on management of the Great Barrier Reef. This includes management of fishing, tourism, marine parks, shipping, water quality and coastal development. The Government has some of the world's leading reef management strategies.



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Mr. Premier

I and millions of Australians are appalled, disgusted, angered, saddened, sickened & find it unbelievable & incomprehensible that you are allowing coal seam gas mining to poison the massive underground water in Queensland. To poison that most valuable & precious water for evil mammon is unforgivable. To sell your soul is diabolical & insane. That water is vitally important for farms, animals both domestic & native, streams, lakes, rivers, etc etc, to poison that unique resource when there is nothing to replace it, is the worst, most negative, most insane thing you can do to the land of Australia, a land that has nurtured you & you repay it by poisoning the very thing that enabled life to evolve on this planet. If there is a God, water would be a symbol for God, because without either, there would be no life, so I shudder to think what your karma will be when you face the final judgement. Also you have done nothing to stop the nutrient run off from Queensland into the reef, which is causing the explosion of the crown of thorns star fish, which is killing the reef, and experts are saying it could be gone in 20 years. What are you doing about that? So picture the near future 20-100 years, water poisoned, no reef. Australia's native animals mostly extinct, original bush, forests etc mainly gone, salt infested land everywhere, food production so reduced that we import food if available, population 50-70 million or so, average temp. way much increased, crime out of control etc etc. life would be unbearable, & it would be the fault of people all over the world like yourself, when are you going to understand, there is another way

Sincerely

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Dear Ms

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2013 which is further to your correspondence on baseline water studies and the Coal Seam Gas industry. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

As the Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, is best able to help you with these issues, I have taken the liberty of sending him a copy of your email for consideration and direct reply to you.

Please be assured that Minister Cripps will give your concerns full consideration.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to the Premier.

Yours sincerely

PAUL LEVEN
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF POLICY



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