

To the Senate Enquiry Committee

I have become aware of the senate enquiry into the Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures.

Our main concern to the Arrow Energy Dalby Expansion Project and any LNG project is the extreme possibility of some loss or total loss of water supply from the Condamine aquifer and the Great Artesian Basin, the 4 to 12 million megalitres that is planned to be removed over the 20 year project is going to be detrimental to these water supplies.

The volume of salt that would be brought to the surface through this project is over whelming, it has been worked out at approximately 9 to 60 million tones. What risk is this to ground water in the Murray Darling Area?

I don't if anyone really knows what effect this will have in long terms in regards to the environment; personally I think it will be terrible.

The issue of land valuation, sufficient & fair compensation and the manner in which compensation is worked out on a farm by farm basis is also deeply concerning.

This Farming operation is certified organic which I believe is of a high environmental benefit compared with conventional operations use chemical weed controls & other chemical inputs, with this mind we have further concern the way the Gas wells will be managed & extra compensation for the additional work that will be created around these wells & any other infrastructure added to the farm, also the risk of effecting the organic status of the farm (this is not an option!) as it has taken many years of hard work large financial investment to get to where it is now, let alone the premiums we are able to achieve from having an organic product.

I can't see how these companies can possibly come up with enough ways to make what they are try to do, environmental sustainable or achievable.

If these LNG projects do go ahead without a lot more consideration to the environment & the local farming community, I can see a future where 1000's of hectares of premium farming land will become a salty baron waste land.

I trust their will be much planning and consideration put into getting it right the first time, if not Government may have an environmental catastrophe on their hands.