



# Wildlife Qld

Preservation Society of

Upper Dawson

**Submission on the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity conservation Amendment (Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Mining Project) Bill 2012.**

19<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Submission to:

Committee Secretary,  
Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications,  
PO Box 6100,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra. ACT. 2600

Dear Secretary,

Our branch has made submissions on most of the relevant EIS's etc. that have been lodged for mining, CSG extraction, pipelines, railway lines and dam proposals covering the Upper Dawson Catchment. For a small organization being run by volunteers, we find that our time is fairly limited to do all that is necessary. To this end, we sometimes rely on better-resourced groups to research and address issues common to us both. Our branch has worked with the Queensland Murray - Darling Committee Inc. while they were writing their submission and fully concur with and endorse their submission sent to you today.

The proposed development, plus what is already in progress in our area will without a doubt have a detrimental impact on our river (Dawson River) as well as all the associated wetlands etc. We feel it is absolutely imperative that an Independent Expert Scientific Committee be established with teeth and responsibility as soon as possible.

We are already seeing different interpretations of the environmental and scientific LONG TERM outcomes of many of the developers actions. This Committee must be independent like the Reserve Bank if we want decisions made for the LONG TERM betterment of the nation.

"We are not blindly against development; but we are strongly against blind development".

Yours sincerely,

Adam C. Clark (Project Officer)

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