

Regarding food production in Australia I feel the Government should introduce systems to protect viable agricultural land from mining.

The Liverpool Plains area on NSW is an extremely rich agricultural area which has been able to produce crops for export over generations and especially over the last 10 drought stricken years. Where else in Australia has this occurred.

However, our productivity is under severe threat from coal and gas mining and this issue needs to be addressed.

I propose that all agricultural significant land be sighted as of national significance and set aside for agricultural use only. Our food and water resources are too precious to risk any possibility of contamination from mining and must be seen as a high priority by governments.

Please ensure that the Australian people are guaranteed their continued food and water supplies for generations to come and not be compromised in any way by large mining companies.

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