

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I run a successful dairy manufacturing business in QLD that is vertically integrated. We are becoming increasingly worried about CSG and the ramifications of the industry and how we are to protect ourselves.

We have our manufacturing facility at Oxley, in Brisbane and two of our farms are 50 kms from Inglewood. Our main dairy farm is on the Dumaresq River and the other is on the Macintyre Brook. The dairy farm has an 800meg/litre bore that taps into the border rivers aquifer and the other property has a 600meg/litre water licence from the Macintyre Brook. Water as you know for farmers, underpins everything.

Blue Energy has an ATP818P South over one of our properties and they have a drill only 4 kms east of us. We have spoken with Blue Energy, and whilst they say they are having a great time around Gladstone at the moment, they do say that they will be increasing activity in our area in the next 12 months.

Being certified organic is difficult. We are very good farmers and have excellent practices in place. But we can not "just pack up and move on" if the aquifer we tap into along the Border is contaminated or dries up. We are heavily reliant on our bore. Dairying is difficult and constrained in QLD, due to many adversities, such as cattle ticks; heat stress and the need for plentiful water. Location is paramount to our operation.

We were named the most successful entrant in the recent QLD Dairy Awards, taking out top honours for our milk, cream and cheese. We are also a finalist in the ABC Delicious Magazine, Producer of the Year Awards, to be named on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July. A couple of years ago one of our cheeses was given a gold medal at the World Cheese Awards. We would like to stay in our chosen industry.

We find it debilitating hearing about the State Govt. giving so much to the CSG companies. How can we make any further plans or invest further in our business when the QLD government can allow mining companies to potentially poison our water and devalue our highly fertile land.

Kind regards,

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