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ATTENTION SENATE COMMITTEE

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Ron Childs with my wife Dawn own "Lenzie" being 1000 acres of GQAL (A-B) also third generation on the property and grandfather was an original 1908 selector. On leaving school at 15 I commenced working in the then family aggregation with Merino and Corridale sheep – ~~Some~~ cattle – cultivation and also worked around the district with the family bulldozers on land development and improvement until I was called up for National Service. I served 12 months in hostile action being a driver radio operator gunner in a tracked Armoured Vehicle. On discharge work took me to Mt Isa and Northern Territory on earthworks, road construction including bridges, pipelines and dam construction (Lake Julius) and concrete work and work on "Big Caterpillars" so you could say I have seen the other side of life. On returning home I married and commenced working the property which was purchased from my mother in 1968. "Lenzie" has been developed to the stage of six dams, 20 paddocks, windmills, poly pipe and troughs, cultivations and all land has been cropped and put down to improved pastures, house, 2 sheds and shearing shed and prepared for cell grazing for our retirement.

As a 65 year old I have to question how the resource companies have been given the power to steam roll their way over freehold land and intimidate the owner with the sign up here attitude you can't really stop us has not gone down really well with a lot of landholders in our shire, myself included and also to be told a company can enter freehold land before a court has given a determination is nothing but absolute dictatorship.

For two years now we have been flat out trying to put a jigsaw puzzle together as to what the law is and what our rights are and where we stand and none too soon for late 2010 we received an Entry Notice for QGC to enter our land with maps and photos of 3 described portions – none of which either of us even owned. Fortunately 12-18 months ago we formed Cameby Concerned Citizens Group and just as well or our life would not be worth living. Hence we have learnt about Tenures, Tenmanents Leases – ATP, PL, EPC, PLML, MDL, EIS, EA, EMP and DERM and Warden. We have also found out at an early stage that DERM does nothing or slow to act and does what the Government tells them – don't upset anything.

Government and Resource Companies first – Environment flora and fauna next followed by Indigenous – the social infrastructure, how good the benefits will be – next come deceitful advertising and applications including a 21-28 day submission / reply period which is not enough time to get the relative documents in the post then read 500 to 1000 pages and posted back on time – that indicates the land owners don't count – they are last on the list. Oh! I forgot a company has a meeting with the local

community to say what they are going to do etc then have the audacity to state in some document they have had full consultation with the community. Finally to be offered \$1500.00 per year for a gas well on high quality developed country when a well returns approximately \$1,000,000 per annum (rule of thumb) is an insult to personal dignity – surely we are entitled to 2.5% p.a. at least.

The Surat Basin Projection is 40,000 wells until 2045 and production to end approximately 2070 (as address by Mayor Brown at the local Cameby Concerned Citizen Committee meeting) and production life of 30 years per well (CSG spokesman Ross Dun ABC) Yes there will be a lot of expense also some good and bad wells – profit – well that is for the shareholders – remember they wanted to develop the field – we didn't invite them here. To save time if I may I will revert to write "briefs" in somewhat chronological order to give you an insight into our position into what could be a very big and antagonistic long term development. I also commend the Senate on making inquiries into the matter.

Syntec applied to mine Cameby Downs (low grade land)- not a significant project – approval given – community ignored – no submission required – mine started on WW2 US Army ammunition and MUSTARD GAS dump and burial site that many locals knew about – forebears told me where and how gas was buried.

Government gave approval to develop a mine, over a mustard gas dump

HE Syntec applied for expansion to adjacent Rywung area, our group fully involved, EIS studied, incorrect statement made on land description and direction of water flow, I addressed the floor on such, Mayor Brown attended, Group minutes, Group arranged speakers – DEP Mine DERM Solicitor to EXPLAIN MINE PETROLEUM ACT etc. Our Mayor gave a complete night of projected development ear marked for our area, coal mines, coal seam gas, burning coal underground – some of the benefits, problems and what ~~has~~ was unhappy with e.g. disliked burning coal underground and appears little CSG monies would revert back to our area. Housing, water shortage and extra load put on council judgment for approval etc. DERM speaker was questioned one night on progress on Cameby Downs progress (they already had been fined \$9000.00 for non approval dam) and the project is also over Columboola Creek). The reply was she hadn't visited the site for about 12 months – Group minutes.

Suddenly a new topic appears CSG. A lot of hear say for about the last 2 -3 years – Landholders around Dalby – Cecil Plains are very upset and newsflashes regarding same. Kogan-Tara area people becoming very vocal and dissatisfied with CSG Companies – been progressing very quietly and Gas Co's bought some properties. Also about 15 kms west of our area a lot of pipes have been laid and brine water ponds have been built very quietly and salt water for coal washing at Cameby Downs – Yes that is so but they had a lot further planning ahead then they told anybody about.

Gas wells leaking at Tara area – Lots of letters in the local papers about wells leaking gas particularly in an area encompassing a lot of small acreages and lifestyle blocks. One of their locals came to our group meeting several times, land holders getting very vocal and started wanting to know who has answers on freehold land – right to ente^{er} – CSG water – salt – brine- chemical compositions – pollution to ground and animals – Artesian Basin and aquifers interconnecting – fracking and chemicals used – bore levels dropping. A very hot topic in the grazing industry is livestock vendor declarations NVD – started

enquiries and so far got now where – DPI nothing – MLA doesn't want to know – written letters and so far got no factual functional replies. Period of very big meetings – Dalby on 17/06/10 Hydrologist on Artesian Basin – Arrow Energy – Miles 01/09/10 very big meeting – well run and covered a lot of topics and landholders very unhappy – ^{OME} landowner had a bore with only 'gas' coming out of it on fire. Inspector of gas wells spoke and he had inspected wells in Tara region, approximately 27 of which 2 bad, 4 reasonable and 19 safe levels but leaking and all unacceptable and as a result ordered all wells to be checked – what about the letter in Chinchilla News – “Congratulations” company checks gas wells – not found leaking!!! – Organic producers asked questions – answer was “we are looking at it”.

Big question now is 'salt water' and how to dispose of it “the salts” in the proper manner. Reverse Osmosis seems the option to clean the water up and separate the salt. – Big push to give, sell, dispose the RO water to business', farmers, c councils for irrigation etc. of course on the CSG Co's terms. RO water is presently being discharged in the Condamine River (approved) and soon going into the Chinchilla Weir. RO water is not suitable for livestock – minerals and ions taken out – human consumption – well I certainly don't know along with a lot of others – supposed to be heavier than normal water – too high percentage RO water in town main will attack the pipes.

Now home to our doorsteps – QGC put advert in paper regarding “Bellevue McNulty field. Deceitful advertising – talked about among local neighbours – too late to put submissions in when we found out what the development was – No one had a clue where or what the “Bellevue McNulty” field was and also incorrect information again – Turned out to be major development – ROW – big and small gas compressors pipelines – salt water ponds – buried electric and telemetry cables and large compressor stations – **Certainly said nothing about 230 and gas wells to be sunk at the rate of average 8 per farm and associated infrastructure on a 700m square grid pattern Refer to Bellevue Area.** Environmental Application Support Information – QCLNG – BXOO ENV- PLU – 00014 July 2010.

Cameby Downs again – riparian land holders notice water coming down creek at odd times – enquires and very conflicting answers given!!! – noise problems from Cameby Mine (Nocturnal) – still nothing done – about 6 months now 30-03-2011 attended AgForce meeting – questions on NVD and information on RO water still not answered. Origin energy put notice in Chinchilla News – an identical complaint as previous QGC Notice – this time we could read the type and just could read the map. I only became awake when I saw PL 226 in the printing which is the lease partly over my place. I also note the paper 21.04.2011 would have got to our mail box on 27.04.2011 Easter and ANZAC Holiday, Labour Day and 2 local A & P Show holidays leaves about 16 working days to get the books and study them (about 1000 pages) and post of 23rd May to get into the Head Office by 25th May 2011. I also would like you to NOTE I rang Origin Office and locally several times requesting a copy of the Talinga Orana EMP and they finally arrived in Chinchilla on about 08.06.2011 for a 25.5.2011 closing date. Finally I am very concerned about lack of knowledge we have of RO water and am particularly worried about depressurizing the Woolloon coals strata and inter aquifer interconnectivity and the effects of the artesian bores in our area (most 900 – 1200 feet) which is only just above the coal seams from the diagrams and information shown and depletion of the CSG water could take 100 years to really know for replacement depletion etc. I am also concerned will water seep through the river bed at a greater rate than before. “Fracking” has the thumbs down at present as very little is understood about it – Council want to put 12 months

moratorium on fracking – when you get a person bursting into tears at a meeting when they don't know what to do after a fracking procedure went “terribly wrong” heaven help us if we end up with contamination. You only have to remember back to Kingaroy and Couger Energy muck up and withholding of farmers stock while the powers to be argued with one another – For our local town Chinchilla I am sick of been told about all the money that is going to come our way – Development is now mostly run by the quick dollars attitude – house prices have doubled and purchase and rent by Mr Average wage earned is difficult – local CBD is fairly quite – industrial business doing well. QGC vehicles take up back street parking – Most resource co's purchases are direct from factory distributors or the wharf from overseas and workers live in camps and motels which are doing well – town water restrictions for 10 years and council has now found the other side of things – infrastructure over loaded – council over loaded with work – approvals – legals etc plant is flat out and such getting short on money and time and large lot of important decision making to do – granted Chinchilla needed a boost along but not a mine gas economy – I have lived in a mining town – degradations of roads has be very pronounced.

SUMMARY

Development should be slowed / stopped until a few round table conferences and work out and inform the public what is going to happen openly.

1. Landholders properly informed of their freehold rights and deal with companies on an equal footing and not little farm versus Multinational.
2. An accredited book given basic information from start to finish on progressive procedure – finding leases etc to entry and where and how to get help and information to be balanced and not one sided to suit Government or Resource Co's – explain EIS and EMP etc
3. Genuine compensation for land owners – property devaluation (a lifetime of work could be lost with the strike of a pen). Lands earning capacity and the farmer's time spent about 2 years before dealing and finding out things – we don't want something that looked good in writing but turns out to be useless and we now are finding out.
4. Companies MUST send people in their tenement copies automatically for EIS – EMP – APPENDIM etc without QUESTION
5. 20-28 working days is not enough time for rural postage and farmer to study 1000 page document and return – I don't care what the law or act says.
6. More study into event of contaminations / SPILLS / livestock quarantine / NV~~D~~Etc – who pays when the fight is on – unannounced spot inspections of well drill bunding etc. as work is in progress.
7. More information regarding hydrology – underground aquifers / alluvial GAB etc and interconnectivity and some positive and CORRECT independent advice and information on RO Water negative and positive.
8. DERM to get out of their office on unannounced inspections and talk to the landholders concerned and see on the ground what is going to ~~have~~ ^{HAPPEN} before signing off in a book.
9. I do apologized for the rather impertinent wording and hastily prepared information but in the last 18 months we have got on our desk – Unidel 42" pipeline to Gladstone ~~GSC~~ – Origin – **QGC**

Metrol Coal – Powerlink/so someone is going to have to take second place as everybody cannot have my undivided attention at once.

10. I want to see restrictions put on GQAL if the owner does not want CSG development. The day I assumed ownership of our land I looked at the old practices and made some positive changes regarding; fences, contours, alignment of tracks due to water flow, timber shade and conservation strips set in place years before the new “buzz words” of Landcare, eco systems, development for the future, positive goals and even come into our language – we have implemented our farm plan why has it been allowed to be messed up and overridden in a broad scale across the whole countryside when by 2050 a world food shortage is predicted.
11. Yes – we will need coal and gas for a longtime yet despite what the idealists think and say. I wager it will be another 50 -75 years before sustainable energy will start to replace what we have though in the meantime we should be using pilot projects to try to develop such as finite resources do not last forever. Why not use our gas ourselves and export our coal – save the cost of carbon tax.
12. If relations don’t change, the gates will be locked and “Blue” let off the chain.

Once again I do command the Senate for making enquires and I, along with a lot of others are eagerly awaiting Senator Heffernan visits to our district and I sincerely hope the visit is “well advertised” and hopefully develop a better solution to the above problems.

Thank you for your time in reading this document and if you have any further question please contact me

Ronald I Childs

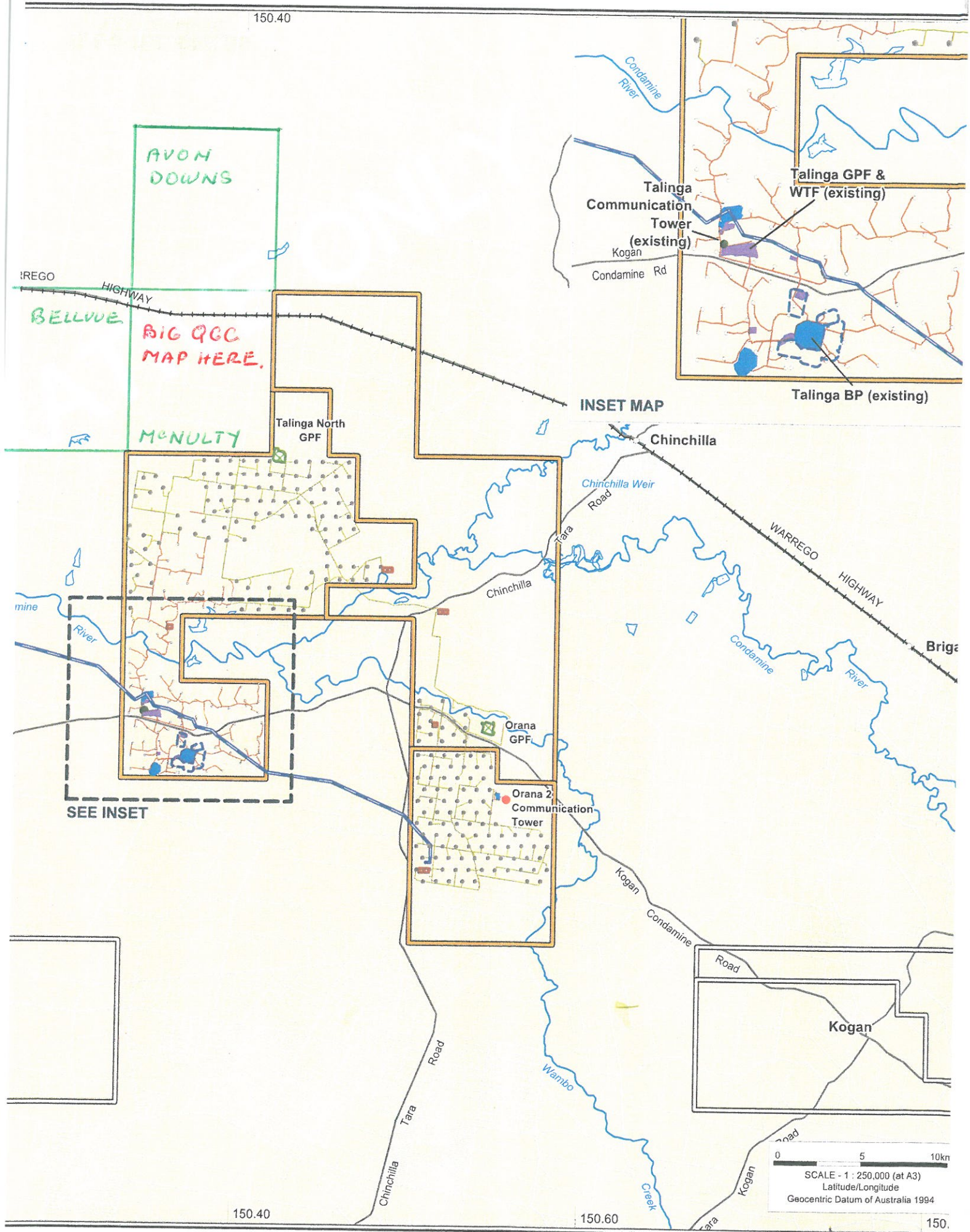


FIGURE 4.1 TALINGA/ORANA PLAN EM
EXISTING & PROPOSED 5 YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE. PAGE 14

THESE ARE NOTICES
APPLICATIONS TO
WHICH REFER TO
MUNULTY WELL
DEVELOPMENT MAP
ENCLOSED

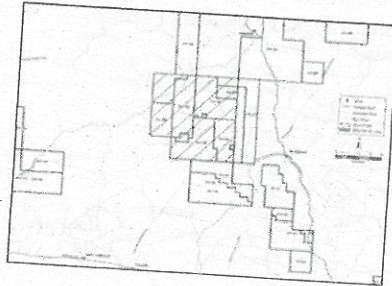
THIS MAP IS TOTALLY
UNREADABLE &
UNACCEPTABLE

APPLICATION NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994 – SECTION 310W for application

(a) It is advised that QGC Pty Limited has lodged an application under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

(b) The application is to amend the existing Level 2 Environmental Authority PEN200030207 to add a petroleum activity carried out on a site containing a high hazard dam or a significant hazard dam, as per *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, Schedule 5, level 6.

(c) The application relates to the area shown below:



(d) Any person can view, make copies and take extracts of the application at:

- Customer Service Centre, Department of Environment and Resource Management, Level 3, 400 George Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000 or 173 Hume Street, Toowoomba.
- www.qgc.com.au

(e) Any person may make a submission about the application.

(f) Properly made submissions must —

- be written and signed by or for each person ("signatory") who made the submission; and
- state the name and address of each signatory; and
- be made to the:

Gas and Petroleum Unit, Department of Environment and Resource Management, GPO Box 2454, BRISBANE QLD 4001; and

- be received before the end of the submission period, which is 16 November 2010, being 20 business days from 20 October 2010.

APPLICATION NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1994 – SECTION 310G

(a) It is advised that QGC Pty Ltd, ABN 11089642553, has lodged an application under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

(b) The application is for a level 1 environmental authority in relation to Petroleum Lease (PL) 247 and certain blocks of Authority to Prospect (ATP) 647 (BIM number BRIS2377 and BRIS2378), ATP632 (BRIS2449, BRIS2450 and BRIS2522) and ATP676 (BRIS2237 and BRIS2309), known as the 'Bellevue Area'. The area of the application can be viewed on the applicant's website at: www.qgc.com.au by selecting community and public notices. The application involves petroleum activities as specified in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*, specifically:

- Item 3 – A petroleum activity that is likely to have a significant impact on category A or B environmentally sensitive area
- Item 5 – Constructing a new pipeline of more than 150 km under a Petroleum Authority
- Item 6 – A petroleum activity carried out on a site containing a high hazard dam or significant hazard dam

OR

Item 8, including Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA):

- ERA8 (3-a): Chemical storage – storing between 10m3 and 500m3 of chemicals of class C1 or C2 combustible liquids under AS 1940 or dangerous goods class 3
- ERA 15: Fuel burning
- ERA 17: Abrasive blasting
- ERA 18 (b): Boiler making or engineering – more than 10,000t
- ERA 38: Surface coating – coating, painting or powder coating, using, in a year, the following quantity of surface coating materials 1t to 100t
- ERA 56: Regulated waste storage – receiving and storing regulated waste other than tyres
- ERA 57: Regulated waste transport
- ERA 60: Waste disposal
- ERA 62: Waste transfer station operation
- ERA 63: Sewage treatment for 100 to 1500 equivalent persons

(c) The application relates to QGC's petroleum tenements located to the West of Dalby and East of Tara, in the Western Downs Regional Council Area.

(d) Any person can view, make copies and take extracts of the application at the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM), Petroleum and Gas Unit, Level 7, 400 George Street, Brisbane, QLD or 203 Tor Street, Toowoomba, QLD or at www.qgc.com.au

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- be written and signed by or for each person ("signatory") who made the submission;
- state the name and address of each signatory;
- be posted to DERM through the Petroleum and Gas Unit, Department of Environment and Resource Management, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4000; and
- be received by 12 November 2010 being the end of the submission period, which is twenty (20) business days from today.

(g) Queries on the application can also be made directly to DERM, Level 7, 400 George Street, Brisbane QLD 4001, Telephone (07) 3330 5349.

BELLEVUE IS NOT EAST OF TARA.

ALSO WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE WHERE
BELLEVUE WAS – NOTHING SAID ABOUT
PUTTING 230 WELLS DOWN & CONNECTING THEM
UP – COMPRESSOR STATIONS – WHAT IS A "HAZARD"
DAM? – WELL IT IS A "SALT WATER POND" TO HOLD
CSG WATER. IS IT A WONDER WHEN LAND HOLDERS
REFER TO THE RESOURCE COS AS "LIARS"

**NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION
411 OF THE PETROLEUM AND GAS
(PRODUCTION AND SAFETY) ACT 2004**

Notice is hereby given that on 25 January 2011 QGC Pty Limited, ABN 11089642553, made application for the grant of an Area Pipeline Licence (PPL) to transport coal seam gas in an area bounded Miles, Chinchilla and Tara, in the Western Downs Regional Council Area.

The reference number for the proposed licence is: PPL 165

The Area Pipeline License covers that part of the State of Queensland of the lands within the boundaries of the Blocks and Sub-Blocks as defined and as shown on Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Queensland Mines and Energy Block Identification Map-Series B and as set out hereunder.

Block Identification Map-Series B

Brisbane

Brisbane 2237	subblocks	Brisbane 2820
Brisbane 2308	v,w,x and y	Brisbane 2821
Brisbane 2309	Brisbane 2599	Brisbane 2888
Brisbane 2377	Brisbane 2600	Brisbane 2889
Brisbane 2378	Brisbane 2672	Brisbane 2890
Brisbane 2449	Brisbane 2673	Brisbane 2892
Brisbane 2450	Brisbane 2674	Brisbane 2893
Brisbane 2522	Brisbane 2675	Brisbane
Brisbane 2380	Brisbane 2744	2960; all
Brisbane 2452	Brisbane 2745	subblocks
Brisbane 2454	Brisbane 2746	except u and z
Brisbane 2524	Brisbane 2747	Brisbane 2961
Brisbane 2525	Brisbane 2748	Brisbane 2379
Brisbane 2526	Brisbane 2816	Brisbane 2451
Brisbane 2597	Brisbane 2817	Brisbane 2453
Brisbane 2598	Brisbane 2818	
Brisbane 2528;	Brisbane 2819	

Further details about the application can be obtained by contacting:

Mr Richard Oldham

EIS Coordinator

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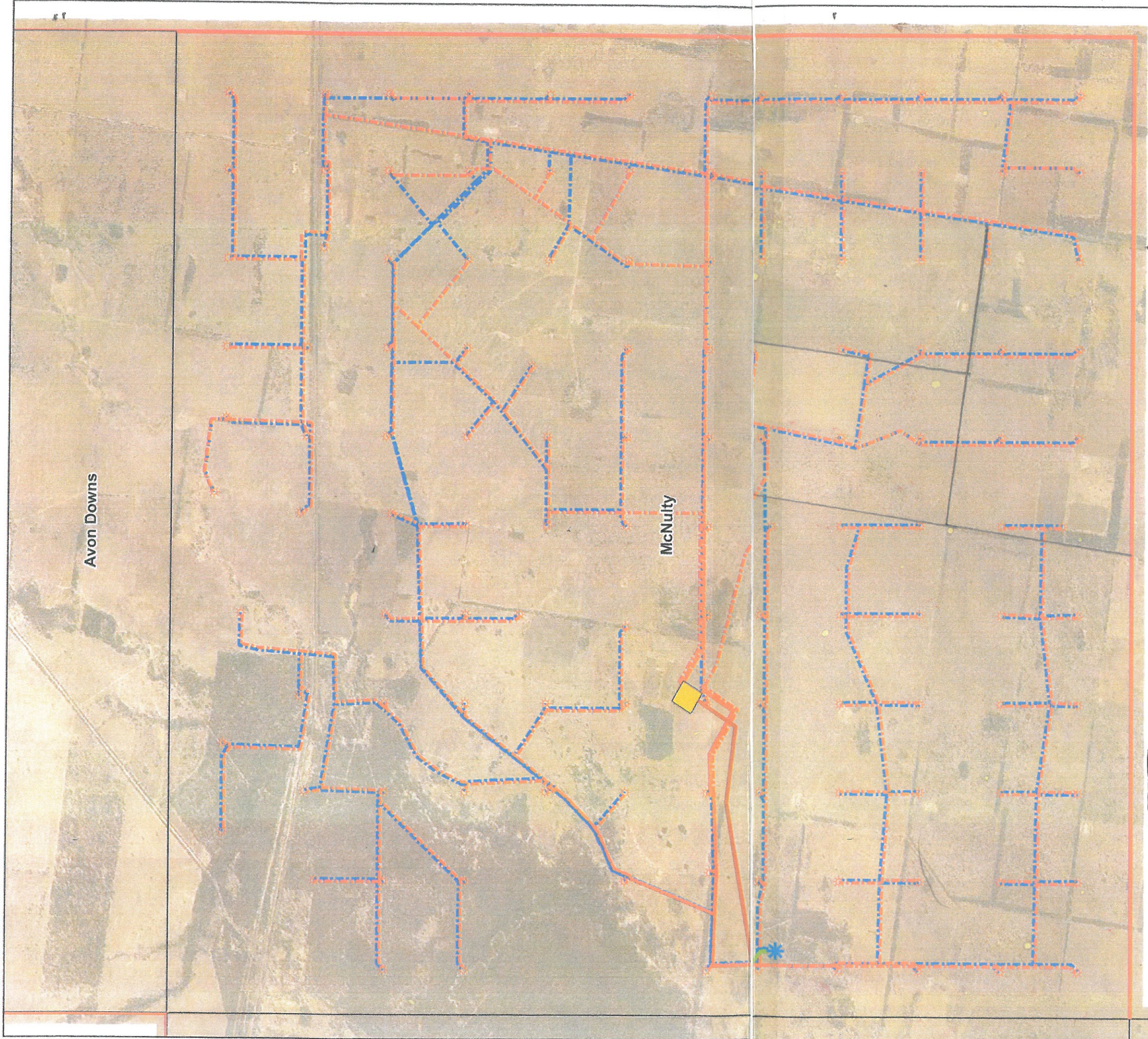
Email: richard.oldham@bg-group.com

GPO Box 3107, Brisbane, QLD 4001

Submissions regarding this application may be lodged with the Petroleum Registrar at the offices of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Queensland Mines and Energy, at PO Box 1475 Coorparoo Qld 4151. Submissions will be received for up to 30 business days from the date of this notice.

AS USUAL THIS NOTICE MEANS NOTHING
TO THE AVERAGE LANDHOLDER OR CITIZEN.
DOES THIS APPLY TO ME? NOBODY HAS NOTIFIED
ME OF A PPL 165 OR ANY BLOCK NUMBERS
OVER MY PLACE.

NO WE ARE NOT TOLD ANYTHING



SO MUCH FOR FREE LAND - A LIFE TIME OF WORK AND A HUNGRY WORLD

FREE HOLD

McNULTY GRID IS APPROX 9km X 9km & PLANNED TO HAPPEN TO ALL SQUARES (BLOCKS) ↓

CLIENT: Queensland Gas Company

PROJECT: Queensland Curtis LNG Project

TITLE: Figure 12 - McNulty Block Proposed Infrastructure

DATE: 09-June-2010

DATA SOURCE:
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(Dept. of Mines & Energy)

SCALE: 1:35,000 (A3) GDA94 Lat/Long
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Proposed Wells, Infield Storage, Regional Storage Ponds, Gathering Lines and Trunk Lines ROW Width are not to scale

Wells

Water Trunklines

Gas Trunklines

Water Gathering Lines

Gas Gathering Lines

Regional Storage Pond (RSP)

Infield Storage (IS)

Field Compressor Station (FCS)

Bellevue Area

Avon Downs

Bellevue

McNulty

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