

But instead I am a Coal Seam Gas refugee in a David-Goliath battle for my basic right to fresh air and clean water.

I am Sandra Bamberry and this is my submission to the Coal Seam Gas Enquiry.

This is the story of the gas worker and the shearer refusing to give up years of hard work, and sacrifice, so the government can walk all over the the little people, Ordinary Aussies and destroy all our dreams and destroy the environment.

Three years ago (November 2012) we bought a block at Tara, Queensland, with a building approved home, sheds, a deep dam, it was a start, we were following our dreams to be sheep farmers.



Our block is 30km north of Tara and is 30 acres. We fenced the entire block, with only one neighbour contributing to the cost. We cleared scrub, keeping all the large trees and gum trees of any size. We painted inside of the house, re-stumped and laid foundation for a 4 bay shed, the shed foundations now left abandoned.

We had heard of the csg and believed the government that it was safe and caused no issues.

Debates began online, and we got involved, asking questions. Going back 2 years the research and stories available supported csg, not like now, were dreadful information on the effects are coming out, especially from the Usa, the Porter Ranch leak should be the proof, how dangerous this industry is.

We tried to meet the people making complaints, but they couldn't, so we asked around.



The stories people told, was that living conditions were to blame for the health affects, they just want the money, city folk living in the country who don't know what they doing, just trouble makers, feral blockies. All the stories being spread were, and still are derogative, blaming the people, I have never seen anything divide a community like csg, government and mining companies are to blame, and it is disgusting manipulate behaviour.

So we took a side, based on the stories of others, the governments line of it is safe, we had no problems, so what are they on about?

We were very vocal against the people complaining online in Tara, Chinchilla, Dalby and were part of the group of people that got csg posts banned off face book groups for the area, so now if I post anything about our plight, I am fighting the prejudice I created.

I remember replying to a comment 'what can we do?' with, 'We can only hope they are wrong'.

So what changed to make me turn from a csg supporter to making a submission to Senate enquiry, slamming this disgusting industry and the Members for Parliament who continue to support it and ignore the plight of the little people, whose lives are being destroyed and subjecting children to unknown contamination. Expecting people to jump through hoops while they do nothing, not even answer emails.

Things went quiet on the csg online front and life went on. After a few casual jobs, I found full-time work in Chinchilla as a Gas and Gear Representative for Boc Gas and Gear, now I was working for the industry as well as supporting it in online debates.

I was good at my job, BOC was contracted to many of the large mining companies in the area, including QGC. With so many projects in the areas, I was constantly juggling supplies to keep production going. 'Playing God with Gas' is what I called it, spreading limited supplies of large packs of gas across hundred of kilometres. Not once did anyone have to stop production, with a network of contacts I was always able to find the gas the companies needed. Nitrogen and Argon were the main gases used, I was told it was used to purge lines. Is this gas taken into account in emission statements of the companies?

I got nominated for a company award and was sent chocolates by the mining companies, for 'Playing god with gas', and keeping production going and the customers happy. You can thank my hard work and organisation skills, that the pipeline to Gladstone opened on time. Little did I know.

A small hiccup of melanoma slowed us down, which required major surgery and the removal and rebuilding my heel, I got lucky and got the all clear from cancer, but was on crutches for months and off work also.

Than winter came and bought months of illness, the girl's daycare rang every week one of the girls was sick, with an unexplained headaches, nausea, temperatures. At home the blood noses started in the kids, doctors kept telling us it infections or virus's, my husband and myself were sick also, with the whole family some days laid up sick. We could not understand, our family was strong and healthy, we ate well, plenty of fruit and veg, we keep a routine, and the house and yards clean.

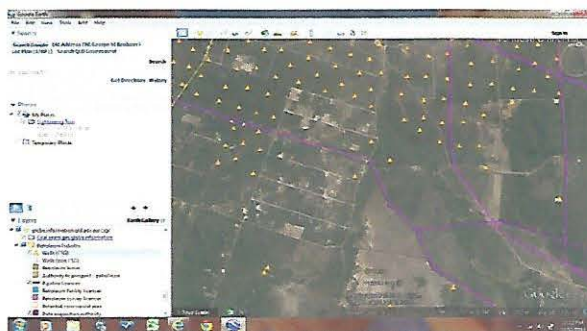




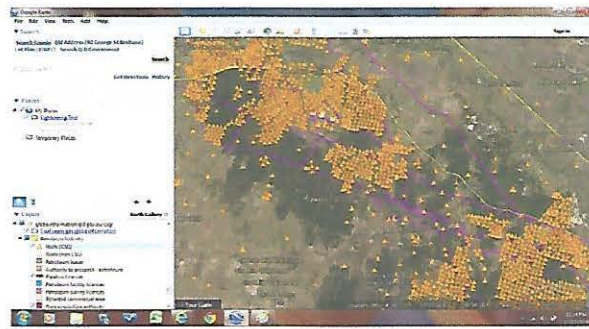
Our daughter Abby Rose with one of many blood noses, the puffy face and black under the eyes. Abby Rose was 2 at the time this picture taken at the end of 2014.

One day a strange smell wafted in, a strong chemical like smell, I smelt it the next day and it was then that the fateful words were spoken, 'Maybe it is the gas'.

Infrastructure and wells had moved closer to our home, without us knowing, we were not notified drilling was occurring 2-3 kilometres from our home. In the three years we have owned the property, we have never received any notifications of what csg activities are happening in our area. We'd become surrounded by wells, infrastructure, vents, flares and pipelines, our home had become a gas field.



About a 5 km radius of our home, the orange triangle are wells



This is about a 30 km radius around our home.

We had to make a choice, sell for what we could and run, or stand and fight, we had seen what other people had gone through by questioning the csg industry, so we knew it was going to be a battle.

We discussed selling, and asked ourselves could we sell to another family? The answer was simple, No, how could anyone subject children to this or dump this mess on someone else, that is simply un-australian, so began the David-Goliath battle, that now has been going on for 16 months plus and has forced us from our home.

So we asked the doctors about the csg, we were there 2-3 times a weeks with one illness or another.

One doctor told us it was the same symptoms others had described and nothing else, the other doctor said he was sitting on the fence, so it was obvious we were not going to get help there.

I saw a sign on the back of the Doctor Surgery door, to ring Queensland Health if you have any concerns regarding csg impacts to health.

So I rang them, the result was a survey and being told Penny Hutchison would ring us. After ringing back 3 times, looking for a response, I found Penny's office number and rang her directly.

Penny finally returned my call. I completed a survey with Penny, than I asked that testing be done on my family, to discover the reason for the constant illness's but Penny told me, 'No Funding' was available for testing.

I offered to pay to find out what was going on, as the issue was serious with 4 months plus of constant illness's. Penny refused to do any testing, and the survey was all she going to do.

I was horrified at this response. When we did basic testing in Nsw through our doctors, it was all covered by Medicare, so no funding was needed. For some reason Penny Hutchinson would not help us to discover what was causing the issue at our home, the government was refusing to investigate. It made us wonder, what is going on here? and Why wont anyone test? Why wont the Government do testing and prove to us Csg safe and not contaminating our home?

It is the Government and Mining companies obligation to prove to us, as citizens, that this



industry is safe, it should not be up to me to prove there is a problem, spending thousands of dollars doing testing, plus the expense of moving my family to a safe environment, paying rent as well as a mortgage.

The Department of Environment declared our water safe, when it wasn't. They are liable for every expense I have incurred in the last 12 months and the long term effects to my children that would of occurred if I took their word for it. Lead impacts to children are not reversible, it is permanent.

So started the phone calls, emails and the desperation to get some answers, I just wanted the government to prove to me our home safe and csg safe and not the cause of our problems.

I rang Qgc, continued to ring again and again in desperation for my children's health, things got worse , the air was suffocating, we were extremely worried what it was doing to our children

I hassled Qgc until they come to visit, Field Corporate Services Manager -  
was the land access officer assigned to our case.

An environmental scientist attended as well and she stated no environmental problems could be found on our block or around our home, the area was clean.

November 26, 2015, our dam turned orange, orange with an oily sludge.  
So began another round of phone calls to government department and Qgc



The solution, Qgc will test the water.

Of course everything came back fine according to Qgc



## QGC Environn Technical Note

### Results Assessment

Laboratory analytical results were assessed against relevant Australian guidelines for fresh and potable water quality.<sup>1</sup>

#### a. Dam water sample

During sample collection, a slight sheen was observed on the surface of the dam, located in the vicinity of an offline petrol-powered water pump.

The dam water was brown and cloudy in colour with a slight red scum on the surface. No algal blooms or evidence of contamination were identified. At the time of sampling the landholder raised concern that the dam had changed to a green colour a couple of days prior. No evidence of any algal bloom was noted during the site visit.

Concentrations of all parameters from the dam water sample were reported below the guideline levels, except for faecal coliforms and *E. Coli* which reported a 300 CFU/mL, respectively.

The recommended level of faecal coliforms in bathing water is 150 CFU/100<sup>2</sup>.

The following additional parameter was reported in the sample, but there are no relevant guideline levels:

- Total Recoverable Hydrocarbons (TRH) in the C16-C34 fraction at 0.59 mg/L. The detection of low level hydrocarbons in the water is consistent with the sheen observed on the water. QGC does not produce hydrocarbons in this range. Also, given that the overland water flow at the property will flow from the property towards QGC tenements, based on local topography, any hydrocarbons used in QGC's operations could not be the source. The likely source for the low level hydrocarbon result is the dam pump station.

<sup>1</sup> National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 2009, Table CL Schedule 5L, NEPM (2013), and Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality - National Water Quality Management Strategy, 2000 found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/73c0bea7-7e3-4080-a729-d1d5e39d5d6f/files/nwqm-guidelines-4-vol1.pdf>

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The orange oily sludge on the dam was blamed on our pump leaking, so were the petroleum hydrocarbons in the dam.

My husband, a shearer, has been on the land all his life, and he has never seen anything like the dam, he knew it was not the pump, any farmer will tell you that a pump did not make that mess.

Qgc provided an analysis of the water, no lab results have ever been provided, to back the claims they made, no one signed the report with details of the qualifications they have. In the background of the document, name was noted as the author, his linkedin account says he is an air specialist, not water. So I have no faith that the results are correct or analysed correctly.

The analysis stated very clearly that there was no algae in the dam, but we also sent off water to be tested 21 hours before qgc did their testing, through the local Agricultural store, the results came back with a variety of algae in the water.



I rang and emailed the department of environment and told them of the contradiction of



Figure 1: Dam sample location

*b. Kitchen sample*

A strong decaying vegetation/hydrogen sulfide odour was detected during sample collection kitchen tap. No sheen or discoloration was observed.

Despite the tap odour, all laboratory results from the kitchen tap reported results less than levels.

*c. Water tank sample*

Laboratory results of all analytes for the water tank sample reported concentrations for all parameters less than the guideline levels and safe for drinking.

the results, and that it is a problem, but as Qgc has said it is fine, that was the end my complaint.

I ask of the department environment what I could now do to further my complaint, Nothing he said, nothing, this is the end of it..

With the contradictions I had encountered and the environment around our home getting worse, this was not ok, so I researched some more and found I could make a complaint against my complaint. and other environmental staff had misinformed myself and many others on this point.

So by now I am dealing with the Department of Environment – Pollution Hotline, Department of Mines and Natural resources – Gas compliance Unit, Gas fields Commission, QGC and the Department of Health, No one cares, no one wanted to know me, let alone help me. We were on our own. This is not the Australia I thought I lived in, I was horrified by my countries leaders allowing our country to become like this.

I have also rung the Department of Agriculture but they too did not wish to help me, even though blue green algae was found in my dam, which overflowed, run down the road to the billabong, then to Wambo creek and straight in the once mighty Condamine river.

The onus has been placed on me to prove something is wrong, but if there is no problem, then why isn't the Department of Environment out in the field, reassuring people with gas infrastructure near their homes, making sure it is safe?

The answer is simple, they cannot prove it is safe and that is why no regular testing of rainwater has occurred, nor air testing done.

The department of environment have hand-held gas meters, why aren't these taken to

peoples homes when a complaint is made, to prove everything safe immediately, this would be a cost effective and easy way to monitor the uncertainty people face.

I looked to the community for help and held a community meeting, heartbreaking stories surfaced,, new faces appeared concerned and not knowing what to do, all the stories were different, but one thing everyone had in common and that was the de-valuation of the land, something I can still not understand, if csg so safe and such a valuable resource, then shouldn't the land be increasing in value, that what I learnt in basic economics anyway.

I was even threatened online at this time, saying that I should be scared, very scared to be organising meetings, and after the meeting myself and another lady, who runs meetings, both had our power was turned off at the main switches.



If it had just been our power, I would not thought much of it, but when both our power was turned off, coincidence went out the window, this only made my family more determined as we refused to be intimidated and bullied this way.

W could not allow our children to be continually sick, we could not face it at all, so we moved them, back to Nsw, our home area .

We had no guarantee that our property was a safe environment, and seeing your children ill everyday is heartbreaking, feeling sick yourself and lying awake at night watching bright lights of flares, it is terrifying not knowing what affects this is having on your children, what the long term affects are.

So we borrowed some money, found a house in my husbands home town of Bundarra Nsw and got our kids the hell out of there in January 2015 , over a year ago. And thank god we did, the lead in the rainwater was 4 times over the safe levels for drinking at this time, thank god we did not listen to Qgc and Department of Environment, the long term



effects of this lead on our children would of caused permanent, irreversible damage.



Isabel our oldest child started school that year, she started 2 weeks after we moved her, so here we are. We bought a house, spent 2 years getting our child in the position through daycare and family events in Tara to make friends and be ready to head off to school with these friends, only to have it all pulled out from under her and taken to a new place, a new school, a new everything.

Then Dad, my husband, left to go back to Qld, so she lost having Daddy around as well, Dad had been her full-time carer for 2 years while I returned to work.

I was still on crutches at the time of our move, from my operation, as for some reason the skin graft on my foot would not heal, interesting to note is that I was cleaning it in our boiled rainwater, the rainwater that has excessive lead.

We had split the family and my husband continued to shear in Queensland and look after the Tara property, while I struggled in Nsw to look after the children.

The kids health improved immediately and for the year of 2015 neither missed school or pre-school due to virus's or infections.

These photos are taken from the day we moved from our home in Tara Qld, I took a photo every day for 2 weeks, the improvements in the children can be seen in the eyes.

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About the time we moved, Lock the Gate came and tested our rainwater and dam water, they too were amazed by the orange oily look to the dam.

Iron, Lead, aluminium all showed up,, the lead as I now know is 4.4 times over the safe levels of drinking water standards, our rainwater is not safe to drink. And add to that our naughty pump had run 200m from the dam up to the rainwater tank and leaked petroleum hydrocarbons into our rainwater. There is a real problem on our block, the lead is extremely high, and a danger to everyone's health, it is extremely lucky that we did not listen to the department of environment when they agreed with Qgc that our rainwater was safe to drink, it wasn't.

So we got settled in Nsw and I wrote my complaint about my complaint, 60 hours editing time 60 pages and 10000 odd words, so may laws that had been broken and correct procedure has not been followed.

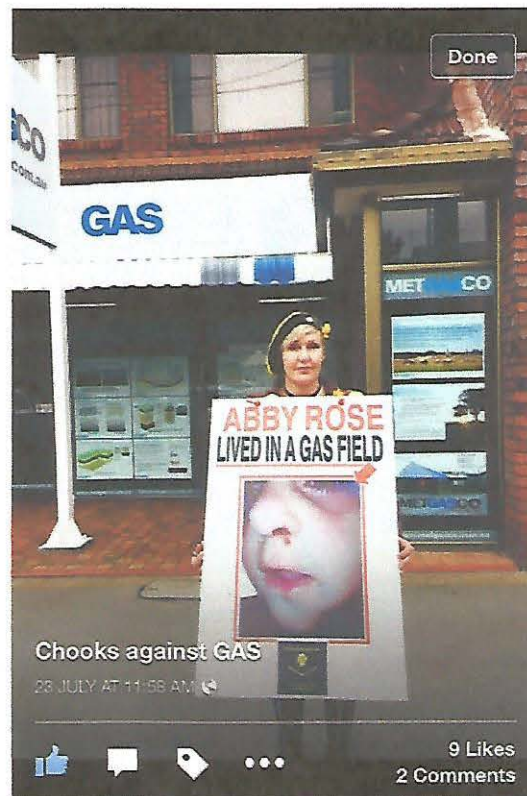
I sent the complaint off to everyone I could think of, of course no replies, no one answered except the automatic email replies.

So I wrote to the Prime Minister and told him I am coming to see him, no reply again, but we went anyway, my parents came with us all the way to Canberra.

Surely the prime minister would not allow this disgrace to happen.

We posted the now famous picture of Abby Rose our daughter with one of her continuous nose bleeds, asking for the Australian public to support and help us, we are not protesters and were on our own, trying to work through a national disgrace, a David-Goliath struggle.

The Knitting Nanna's use Abby Rose's picture, to warn others of the impacts of csg.



The tent embassy in Canberra seen Abby Rose's picture and made contact, reached out and offered help, which we took, at last someone who actually cared about the health of our nations children.

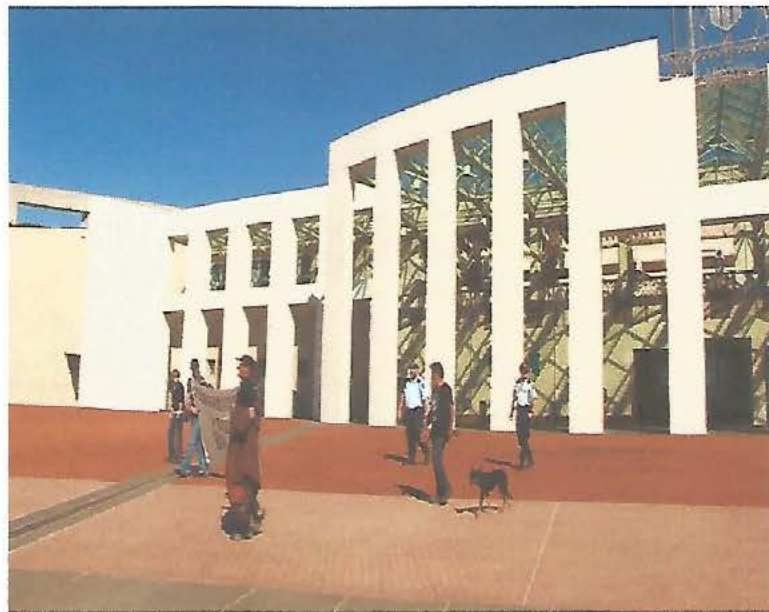
The closing of aborigine communities was in the news and really, we were in the same position, being forced from our homes, I now knew what it felt like, and trust me it is not a good feeling especial when you had done nothing wrong except believe in our government.



The government has had 200 years practice forcing people from their home, so pushing us out is easy.

The government is demeaning us, letting us believe in the Australian dream, meanwhile making laws stripping our rights away, farmers are in the same position all over the country and all I can see is sell out after sell-out, and politicians helping it, and the Australian public obviously sitting by. The Politicians need to be held accountable.

We made a banner 'Ordinary Aussies pushed to this by CSG' and took it to the front door of parliament house. Apparently, the right to protest has gone out the window somewhere along the lines as you are 'not allowed' to hold a banner at the front door of parliament house



We were quickly surrounded by federal police and asked to move on.

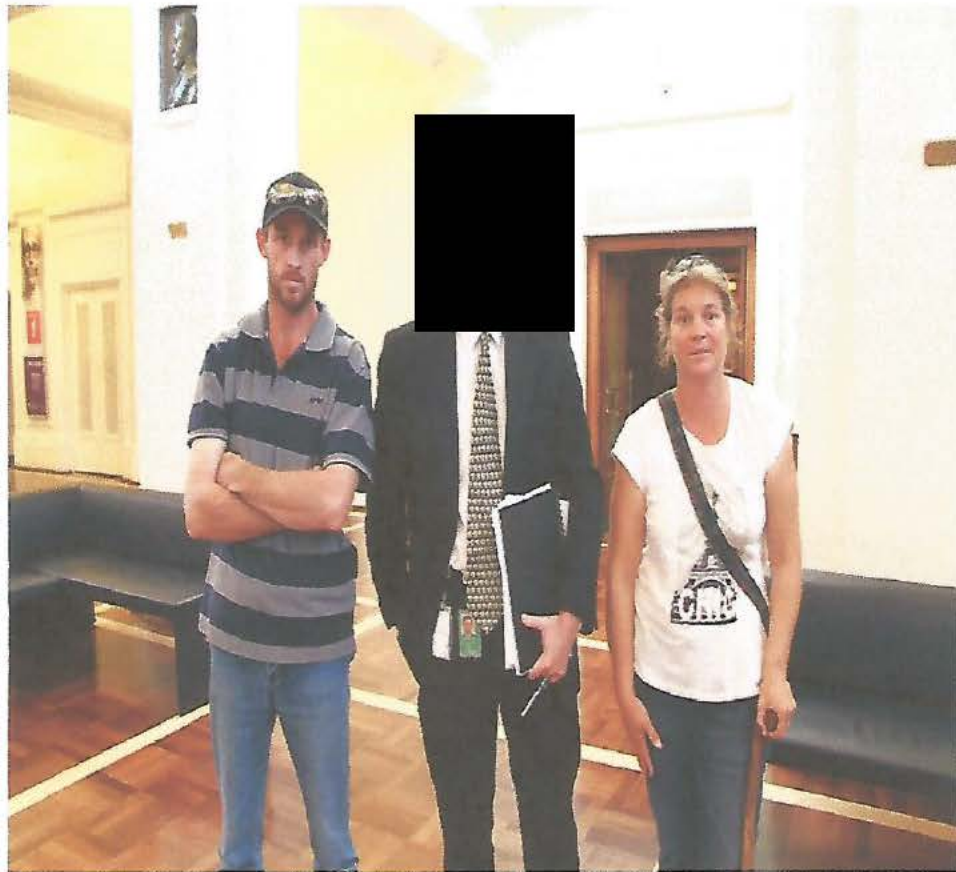
We asked to see the Prime Minister, that we desperately needed help.

We were moved on to protest square and our details taken by the federal police.

We went from CSG victim to CSG protesters that day, 2 ordinary Aussies that worked hard to buy a home, spent hours of time and money to improve it, only to be left with an unliveable home, then instead of getting the help we needed and deserved, we have been forced to this, protesting and risking arrest.

It took only an hour of sitting with our sign in protest square and the phone rang.

It was the Prime Minister's office, we can send assistant secretary to the Prime Minister's office, to speak with you, obviously someone did not want us sitting there with our, 'Ordinary Aussie pushed to this by CSG' sign.



listened to our story took all our information and said he would pass it on to the Prime Ministers office, we have never heard back to this day, never, I rang a few time only to get fobbed off and put through to the treasury department or some other department that had nothing to do with our case.

We were ignored again by those elected to help us, no one wanted to know us, let alone help us.

But the Qld government departments and ministers finally started replying to my letter of complaint, and the emails and phone calls started again and around we go again, quoting a 3 year old health report that did not cover my area nor did it include all the new infrastructure and wells over the last 3 years, this is the health report that recommended air monitoring in the area, which of course has never happened.

Why quote me, a report that is severely outdated and has not been followed through with, and does not include thousand of extra wells and flares and vents, this is very sloppy and lazy governing and the ministers involved need to be held accountable for not keeping the people and children safe.

I went to Brisbane, I went to parliament house and watched proceeding for 3 days.

I watched the Premier of Queensland Anastasia Palaszczuk, I have contacted her numerous times asking for help with my families situation.

To her, parliament sitting time is just a big game, she took nothing serious, threw words



around like accountability, integrity, and honesty. Refused to answer a simple question regarding the behaviour of a party member, until it was asked in various ways and the correct answer given. I was ashamed of my fellow Australian and so called leaders, ashamed, wasting our States time in such a frivolous manner. I have continued writing to the Premier but she never replies. Regardless of her large and loud statements in Parliament about Integrity and accountability, she will not be accountable to a family whose lives have been severely impacted by CSG.

While in Brisbane I did some visiting.

I went to Larissa Waters office and spoke to a staff member.

I spent 2 hours at Glen Lazarus office speaking with his team about our situation.

I went to Steven Miles office, told the staff member there of our plight and how we needed help.

I went too the Premiers office and did the same there.

I did this to make myself a real person, instead of a number at the end of an email. I have put a lot of time and effort into just getting my rainwater tested and my air monitored, not a great ask really, especially if csg is safe and there is no problem.

Something gave and the department of environment came and tested our dam water, not the rainwater which is the most serious issue and as it is used for drinking, but our dam, all the stock was gone from the property, but anyway we took what we could get and figured this was a step forward in this debacle.

Well it turned into a fiasco and another failing on behalf of the department of environment, we took videos of the samples being taken, results came back and you guessed it, there of course was no problems, all is fine, that is the end of the complaint.

The petroleum hydrocarbons were still there and now we also had iron bacteria in the dam, high iron, aluminium and others heavy metals but the aluminium was too high for stock levels, so no, it was not safe as they claimed, also the iron as irrigation water was 1000 times over, 1000 times, after querying this I was told, we at the department of environment do not know safe levels for stock, well they felt confident in saying it in writing, so you must think you know something.

We had removed the pump from the dam, and the department of environment staff stated there was no leaks on the slab where it stood, so when I questioned where these petroleum hydrocarbons are coming from.

Guess what the excuse was this time? It is the trees, the trees did it, of course it could not be the multiple wells in the area, god knows how many are leaking, or the flares, burning I don't know what.

What is burnt by these flares is not reportable to the department of environment, I rang and asked what was burnt and was given this reply, it is not included in reportable emission, so the companies do not have to declare what is being burnt. These flares are



right on the edge of a residential estate and no-one is even monitoring what is being burnt. Tail gas and other impurities is all I could find after many hours trying to research this.

As a citizen, forced to live with this infrastructure and pollution, I expect to be told what is being burnt away and I expect it to be monitored, especially so close to homes and with the contaminants in our rainwater and dam being a crude oil based product such as petroleum hydrocarbons, this information needs to be acquired immediately and csg must be looked at as a source of contamination for our water and also our air.

This blind insistence that csg not a source of pollution is negligent on behalf of all those involved in the process of monitoring and investigation.

How can the Department of Environment tell me that csg not the cause of our problems if they do not even know what pollution is being put into the air?

The Iron Bacteria now found in the dam, is mainly found underground in wells whose pipes have deteriorated. It is unusual for this bacteria to form in a dam. The dam has high levels of iron, which I was told by Department of Environment, seeped out of the rocks, What Rocks? There is hardly a rock on the place. Just another poor excuse to fob me off and make me go away.

Then we noticed another error, the Department of Environment state very clearly the samples were taken from the north and south of the dam.

I have been to the property and checked with a compass and the video of samples being taken under the tree on the west side of the dam, so began the saga of West the new North.

The Department of Environment responded that they used GPS. I provided pictures showing it was the west side not north, they responded saying the equipment used had inbuilt GPS and that it was the north side and that was it.

So what do you do when the Department of Environment cares that little and is that determined to ignore me and demean me, that West is now the new North and you must accept that, and that is the end of this complaint. There is no way I was giving in to this horrid treatment and disgusting blunders.

Time went on and we got to attend a nationals meeting in September in Inverell Nsw, my home town. Barnaby Joyce was there, and as he was the newly appointed Water Minister we went to see him at this public meeting regarding our water.

Well it did not go so great, we were shut down and not allowed to speak of the problems we were having.

John Williams, the senator actually yelled at me to 'Sit down, Sandra, sit down' it was a disgraceful and very rude example set by a another so called leader of this country.

John stood in front of a room full of National members and told them csg safe, no amount of parliamentary privilege covers mis-information like this, they are paid to know these things and the make good on water law in Queensland, should be enough for any



individual to comprehend that water is going to be affected by CSG activities.

Barnaby had his turn next, running off the party lines regarding CSG, water not to be affected, the farmers right to say no, just to mention two.

Everything he said that the Nationals believe should not be happening, is happening right now in Queensland, again misleading the people? Or badly informed, as I said before, it is the job of the politician to know the affects of an industry they so willingly support.

This type of lies is deception of the people and another disgusting example of politicians lying to the people, this sort of lie in a public meeting should not be covered by parliamentary privilege, this is straight out lies and mis-information.

Of course I was not allowed to speak after Barnaby and offer the people the true version of what is happening in Queensland.

Barnaby even made a joke about one guy getting a carton of beer for a well on his property and then how the guy was told how they making millions out the gas well, yes, it is absolutely hilarious belittling people who have been taken advantage of by the CSG industry and another great display of the total disregard for the Australian people by our so-called leaders.

December came and we paid for hair test to be done, another \$400 to try and find the want contaminants we were dealing with and the affects on our bodies, my husband for the last 12 months is still going regularly to our Tara property to work and maintain the premises. We is still being subjected to we don't know what and it is constantly affecting his health and taking him away from his family for at least 2 weeks at a time.

The extra costs of running 2 houses and paying rent, as well as trying to find a solution to our plight, was taking a toll financially and emotionally. Christmas was on the horizon and I didn't have the money for the kids presents and the extra Christmas food.

I would not let my children go without Christmas, they had been through so much, leaving their home and not having daddy around.

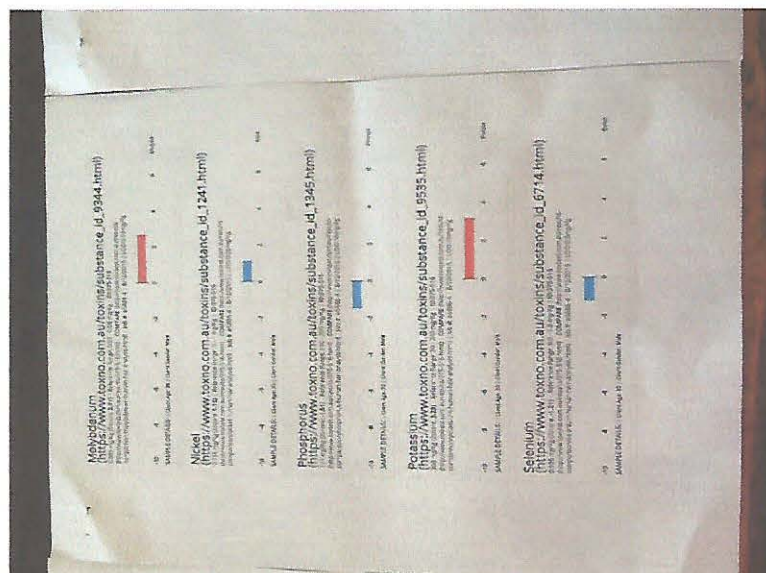
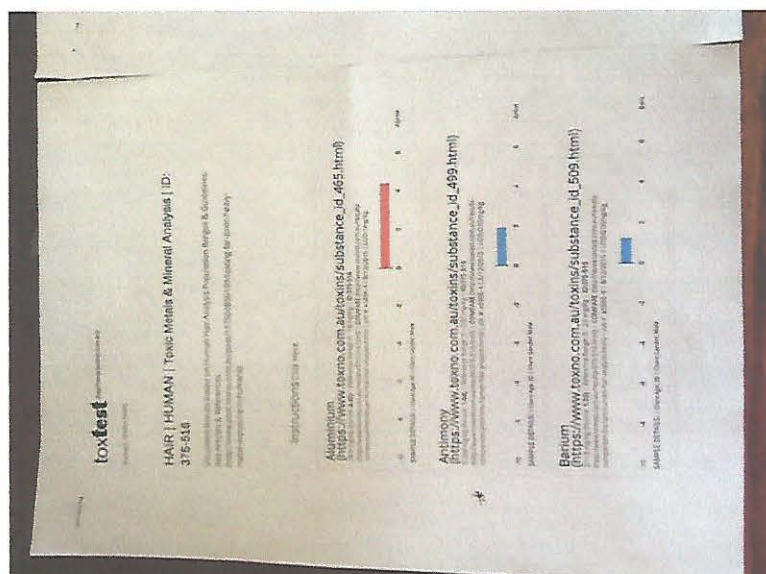
I swallowed my pride and did what I had to do, and went to Vinnies and asked for help. The staff were amazing and help put together toys, books and a hamper for my children.

What is our country coming to, that hard working Aussies are forced to ask for handouts, to give their children a simple Christmas, I wrote to premier Palaszczuk at this time, begging again for help. Another letter gone unanswered.

The hair analysis came in and I was horrified at the results. My husband is a toxic nightmare, with high to off the scale results in Aluminium, Cobalt, Copper, Iron, Lead, manganese, Molybdenum and Zinc.

Exposure to these chemicals are not part of his normal life at these excessive levels. As we do not know what emissions are being created by the CSG activities in the area, we are unable to dismiss this as a source of contamination.





The scientist we were dealing with for the hair analysis also put our dam and rainwater results into a program which showed simply what was safe and the excess lead in our rainwater came to light. Of course I contacted the Department of Environment again, this time I also contacted the Gas Field Commission to try and get things moving. Lead is a carcinogenic and a lot of research has been done regarding lead.

I researched possible causes of Lead in water, finding lead paint and lead flashing are the major cause otherwise lead in rainwater was found in mining areas. Once again we are unable to eliminate the csg as a source due to non-reporting of flares and leaking methane and other contaminants brought to the surface from drilling activities.

Until a full investigation is made into the flaring activities and the emission's reported, no one can tell me that csg is not the cause of our problems.

It is beyond comprehension that burning of 'tail gases' or whatever is burnt or vented is not recorded or monitored, especially in a residential estate and this is not taken into account when investigating issues.



This total disregard for the children and the environment is disgusting and should be remedied immediately and the locals warned until a full discoloured of contaminates is made public.

My husband has also recorded a high blood results for lead, 5 is the cut off and he is close with a 4, which is extremely worrying.

I have submitted to Gas fields commission and the Department of Environment the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, the blood results, the hair analysis, the water with high lead and petroleum hydrocarbons.

After sending 3 more emails asking \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gasfeild Commission, what is to be done to investigate the lead, I received a call on the 26 February 2016, over 2 months after the information was submitted, that my rainwater is to be tested.

At last after 15 months after my first complaint, my rainwater was finally getting tested.

The Gas field Commission has employed the Department of Science Technology and Innovation to come test our rainwater. I am not sure if I will get to see the actual lab results for this result, but after all the contradictions and mess ups I have encountered to this point, it is hard to have confidence that the Gas Field Commission is being unbiased in their approach to this matter.

So where doe all this leave us as a family, we are paying a mortgage for a dead block, we cannot use for stock.

We are paying rent for a house, just so our children are in a safe healthy environment.

All health issues stopped when we moved the children away from our Tara home.

The water was contaminated in January 2015 when the Department of Environment declared the water and block safe for our children to live in, It was not.

This is a grave error on the governments behalf, including staff and all the ministers and Senators I have contacted, begging for help.

The department of Mines and Natural Resources has devalued our land by 20% in 2015 and a further 9% recently in 2016.

If csg is such a valuable resource, is so safe and landholders are getting such a fair go, then why is the land being devalued? If the hype and claims being made by government and mining companies is like they say, then our land should be soaring in value.

There is nothing right about the situation we have been forced into, our lives are in disarray, we are under extreme emotional and financial strain and we have been ignored, demeaned and abandon by our government.

Immediate action needs to be taken in our area. Until all emissions are known and accounted for, no-one is able to dismiss the csg as a cause to problems we are encountering.

Qgc need to supply immediately the water lab result taken at our home in November 2014 to prove the water was safe. A full disclosure needs to occur to the staff qualifications who done the analysis also.

It should not be up to me as an individual to have to go to court to rectify this situation, it has been drawn out a ridiculous amount of time.

I have proven that the water was not safe to drink at our home in January of 2015, The Department of environment is liable for the harm that would have been caused to my family, especially my children, by the lead in the last 12 months by there failure to act, this is a very serious error and compensation for the cost I have occurred should be immediate. It truly is disgusting how our complaint and others have been handled, it is Child Abuse.

I can provide copies of all documents mentioned on request.

I will be available to attend a Public hearing to discuss further the extreme situation we have been placed in.

Regards

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