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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee

Attention Alex Gallacher

Dear Senators,

On the 9th March 2016 we spoke and sat at a Senate Enquiry Part B in Oakey Queensland with yourself and Senator Chris Back. This enquiry was for the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Inquiry into firefighting foam contamination. From that Enquiry we had 9 Recommendations from those recommendations 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9 have in part been address but the Elephant in the room is Recommendation 3 which is a very broad recommendation but it is a start.

For David and myself we want what we once thought we had at \_\_\_\_\_ when we bought into this area May 2005.

All these rights have been taken from us by no fault of our own, but by Defence and the Oakey Army Base and still goes on today. For us and our business now 4 years since we first heard contamination near the Oakey Army Base. We want and have the right to run our business how we choose but aren't allowed because of this Defence contamination of PFOA and PFOS. We have the right but again we are unable to produce a product that the world expects of Australia and our market backs us on the world stage in 2017.

What David and I didn't know in 2015/16 and what we now know is very different. Between Senate Enquiry's, Environmental Site Assessments July 2016, Human Health Risk Assessments September 2016, Preliminary Ecological Risk Assessments November 2016, Updated Human Health Risk Assessment Sensitivity Assessment March 2017, lobbying Senators/ Ministers from all sides of politics, Travelling to Canberra, Speaking now to the task force attending every called meeting in our town and some at our Stud. We are four years down the track and Defence many years before that in 2000 that I can find out and still we don't have the outcomes required.

Does Defence have an IMPACT on our land near the Oakey Base, the answer is YES.

Does Defence need to understand the impact it has on land around the Oakey Base, the answer is YES.

Does Defence need to improve on environmental practices near the Oakey Base, the answer is YES.

Does Defence need to improve how it works with people impacted by their choices that were made on the Oakey Army Base with landholders, the answer is YES.

Does Defence need to be a better corporate citizen for the people near the Oakey Base, the answer is YES.

Does Defence need to understand that these issues of contamination, the modelling of underground and overland water flows have made the issues of land valuation the answer is YES.

Does the Defence need to understand the Bank issues that we face because of the Oakey Army Base, the answer is YES.

Does Defence need to stop wasting money, for the people LIVING in the areas around Oakey Base and address this matter of compensation, the answer is YES.

David and I struggle to understand the money that has been wasted and still being wasted. The people who are living this, are just at the bottom of all this red tape and we are worn out from this madness. Try and put yourself in our lives and the results may change for people like us.

Yours Respectfully

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