

Senate Standing Committees on Rural Affairs and Transport
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

I, Peter Charles Shannon, am a senior partner of Shannon Donaldson Province Lawyers practising in Dalby, Queensland.

My clients cover a geographical area throughout Queensland and rural New South Wales, however they are predominantly landowners in the Surat, and also some in the Bowen and Galilee Basins.

I am at the coal face of Coal Seam Gas development in Queensland and I am seeing daily on a first hand basis the impact this development is having on farming families and rural communities. I am also an affected landowner and I would like to provide detail of my observations to the Senate Hearing in mid July in Dalby.

I have made a number of submissions to the Queensland Government in relation to Arrow's and QGC's applications for Environmental Authorities in our area which detail the issues with the burgeoning industry. I am happy to provide copies of these to the Committee prior to my attendance if that assists.

I also made various submissions to the Queensland Government regarding the amendments to the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*, the 'Standard' Conduct and Compensation Agreement and Land Access Code in mid 2010 and provided pro bono assistance to various landowner groups.

Work and health commitments have prevented a detailed submission being lodged before the closing date.

Peter Shannon