

With Respect Premier Newman,

THIS IS AUSTRALIA CALLING.

Some of the best agricultural land in, not only Queensland, but also Australia, at Cecil Plains in the Surat Basin, is about to be decimated, over a short period of time by more than 40,000 mining wells, together with 7,500 kms of roadways and the infrastructure required to mine CSG by foreign owned Resource Company Arrow, across this prime agricultural land.

It is vital that you urgently visit this area before the commencement of the first well on August 20th.

This prime agricultural land, together with the waters of the GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN, relied on by a huge proportion of inland Australia, is under threat. The Condomine River Aquifers, then in turn the Murray Darling Basin will most certainly also be affected, by how much is yet unknown, despite unreliable assurances from the mining company.

The proposal to pump water back into the aquifers is thwarted by foreseeable problems, especially salt and other mineral pollution.

Any floods similar to that on the Condomine in late 2010-11 present even further abominable possibilities of destruction to the land as a result of the all - weather infrastructure that is proposed. Australia relies on these rich plains for food and cropping. This land will never return to its current production levels.

The local community together with vast media personnel and many supporters propose to thwart the efforts of the company on all fronts.

It appears common sense has now disappeared and we request that you involve your Parliament in a close inspection of this area NOW and put a halt on these activities until the issues are resolved and the land protected.

The mental and physical stresses and disruption to family life and farming activities are beyond description.

We are retired graziers from Victoria staying in the area and are astounded at the proposals to lose this productive land for the next 30 years and beyond. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

Respectfully yours truly,

Jeanette and Rex Blennerhassett