



Fw: CSG Exclusion Zones
Wendy to: csg.review

24/04/2013 07:18 AM

History: This message has been replied to and forwarded .

Dear Professor Mary O'Kane

I am not a science based person so I cannot submit any data to validate anything I say . My concern is not only about the industry (and mining) in general, private property, water quality and air quality etc but also for land such as ours that is dedicated to the environment. We do not earn an income from this land but we have dedicated our land back to the planet for the overall health of the planet .

I believe that land such as ours is a very important land and needs protection .

I can only submit what I have sent to the Planning Dept in the past .

Thank you for receiving this submission .

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From: [Wendy](#)
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 7:25 AM
To: srlup@planning.nsw.gov.au
Subject: CSG Exclusion Zones

The Director of Strategic Regional Policy

I have attached my previous emails to Planning in regard to finding out if properties like ours that are dedicated to the environment will be exempt from mining in general and with this issue specifically CSG exploration and/or extraction.

As a 270 plus acre property owner we are members of Landcare , Land for Wildlife, Friends of the Koala and Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers . We have spent hundreds of hours planting trees trying to stabilise the land from previous incorrect land management , fenced the creek and trying to vegetate it even though in the time we have had here we have seen many many floods that continually cause riparian damage that we continually repair . We have had about 6 floods since the start of this year alone . The cost of the work we do here has been at our own cost except for one only grant from Landcare and that was to replace the fence along the creek after we had replaced it because of flooding about 3 times before at our own cost.

We have done wildlife release programs with the Wildlife Carers group and we have koalas on our property.

Government Departments ask us continually to care for the land and we have obliged . We have tried and still trying to undo previous poor land management practices and repair the

previous damage.

My question to the Planning Department in the past is to ask how can properties like ours (and there are many like ours) be damaged and all the work we do be destroyed by mining/csg companies.

I request that these properties be understood and appreciated for the benefits the properties provide to the greater community, caring for country and in the bigger picture the health of the planet in regard to climate change, clean water, providing clean air (oxygen) for others to breathe and trying to bring balance back to vital eco systems. Our property has adjoining and nearby properties all trying to achieve the same outcomes as ourselves.

I am requesting that properties that are dedicated to the environment like ours be protected and therefore excluded from mining/petroleum/csg extraction/mining.

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----- Message from "Wendy" <wenste2@bigpond.com> on Fri, 1 Mar 2013 12:37:35 +1100 -----

To: <office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au>

Subject: Fw: I researched some information you gave me from yesterday meeting at Lismore and I still have grave concerns.

Dear Mr Hazzard....below is an email I sent to you after that rather rowdy meeting at Lismore re CSG Industry. My below email is a genuine enquiry. The reply I received is also below and tells me nothing and there is no content in the email to reassure me that I would get any answers.

I do have questions that I cannot seem to get any answers to from you or your department about what happens to our land that is dedicated to the environment if ever we are approached by csg industry. I can imagine that you are receiving many emails about this industry and I can understand delays in replying specifically to me, however we have put a lot of work into trying to restore this property so that our families footprint on the planet is accounted for. Our land is not strategic agricultural land however we believe that the restoration work we do is vital for the human, animal and plant populations and water quality. There are many other properties like ours.

Are there any reassurances that land like ours will be protected from csg industry and mining in general.

It is very frustrating when there are no genuine replies from you or your office.

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Thank you for your email.

The Minister appreciates your contacting him regarding this matter.

Please be assured that your correspondence has been referred to the appropriate staff member for all necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure
Minister assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW

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From: [Wendy](#)
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2012 10:23 AM
To: office@hazzard.minister.nsw.gov.au
Subject: I researched some information you gave me from yesterday meeting at Lismore and I still have grave concerns.

Dear Mr Hazzard...thank you for at least trying to get out answers to questions from yesterday gathering in Lismore. I did get to ask a question and I have taken time this morning to research your answer in the hope of alleviating my fears around the csg industry and the excessive mining that seems to be happening.

I preambled my question with something along the lines of: how we have a 280 acre property and it is under the Land for Wildlife Project. Whilst there is still much to do on our property as we bought it as a run down property we have managed to plant many trees and other vegetation, have brought the health of the creek back and have spend hundreds of hours and thousand of dollars to do this. We do not earn an income from this property. Our income comes from off property and much of that income is used to rehabilitate the property. In our own small way we hope we are contributing towards the healing of the planet from so much destruction done to it by humans.

My understanding is that the mining companies do have the right to come onto my property (even if I object and say "no" I can be taken to court for that access to be gained if they really want what is under the surface of my land and I do not have the money to fight a mining company so in the bigger picture I see that they will get the access they want) and if they do and mine/extract for csg or minerals my property will loose value and I know I could not live there any longer and will have to move. However who will buy my property with wells on it or a mine? Not that I want that to happen in the first place.

My question yesterday was asking for help in understanding how my property can be destroyed so China could have cheap energy.

Your answer was that I could take the matter to the Land and Environment Court and I said we would not have the money to do that. Your next answer was about the new Land and Water Commissioner. That gave me hope.

However this morning on researching the role of the Commissioner I can only find words about Strategic Agricultural Land being provided with advice. I also re read the media release by Mr Stoner on the 23 June 2012 and it states that a working group of farmers irrigators, cotton growers and the csg industry will be develop agreements that will be overseen by the Commissioner.

I cannot see anything that gives me hope about protection of properties like ours that are dedicated to the environment or that landowners like us will be represented in the working group.

In the past, I took encouragement from Government departments that urged land owners to do the type of work we have done. How can one hand of the government give this encouragement and at times funding to protect the environment and another hand of the government allow all that environmental work to be taken away.

I feel that there is something really wrong here. There are many properties like ours that are dedicated

to the environment that appear to me will not be protected. I do feel this needs to be addressed.

I do hope you are able to reply.

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