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To: greg.hunt.mp@environment.gov.au
Cc: Frydenberg, Josh (MP); Prime Minister T Abbott; The Premier
Subject: Article in Courier Mail 9 Nov by Kath Noonan
Attachments: The Courier Mail Kath Noonan 9 Nov.docx; [redacted] letter to Qld Premier et al.docx

Importance: High

Hello Greg

Hopefully one of your team already brought the attached article to your attention.

I thoroughly agree with Kath Noonan....

and [redacted] to enforce the "do no harm" obligations that the governments involved are under (refer to letter from [redacted] re Coal Seam Gas, "CSG", and Tara, Queensland, for detail of this concept please - see copy attached).

In [redacted]'s correspondence to Queensland Premier, Campbell Newman, I am not sure whether the "environment" showing in the list of recipients was your federal Department, or Queensland's state department for the Environment.

Furthermore, as time permits, I may use the letter"Notice".... as [redacted] has indicated is authorised, or - as he has communicated directly to me - as a template to issue my own "Notice" in regard to not just CSG but other matters.

I should also point out that, while pleased to have heard of you banning some dredge spoil dumping, etc, near Gladstone, the fact that this didn't extend to all areas within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park's World Heritage Listed Area provokes continued concern about what decision will be made on the application to extend the Abbott Point Coal Loading Facility.

Myself and many others are SO concerned about many, many decisions being made which favour rash, and ill-considered, proposals that investigation of the influence that, say in NSW, the NSW Ombudsman - or the Queensland equivalent, for matters in *that* state - could have that considering calling, very soon, on the Ombudsman to intervene in any way/s possible is the point of protest now reached.

I imagine that the Governor General is where federal matters, or decisions, of similar concern should...or could...be taken and that will also be investigated as a means of halting the avalanche of political decisions being made with which even people, like myself, *who voted for the LNP Coalition*, HAVE NOT given a MANDATE in support of.

I am pleased to have learnt about [redacted] (no relation, as far as I know) taking Gina Reinhart's and GVK to court. She makes a very good point....the people speaking up are not necessarily anti-mining, nor "obstructionist", although I firmly believe that now is the time to "Move Australia beyond Coal" (as Brisbane Six Degrees printed on the back of their "Stop the COAL Boats" t-shirts) and for the sake of our global reputation, **and** the effect of carbon dioxide emissions on accelerating climate change and acidification of the world's (interconnected) oceans, the coal that is in the Galilee Basin simply **MUST** remain in the ground.

Technology in France has shown how easy it is to generate steam powered electricity using focused solar energy (see link below) and there is no valid enough excuse, not even the "jobs" that miners like Gina's, and Clive Palmer's, operations create, for Australia permitting the proposed mega mines to go ahead. By doing so.....any, and all, authorities involved are breaching various Duties of Care and it is important you, and those cc'd in on this email, take note of this fact, and of having been put "on Notice" about the need to honour such obligations.

http://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?u=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3Dz0_nuvPKli8%26feature%3Dshare&a=66o9pf4wwyKOOjRsPjg9mA

I haven't had much time - yet - [redacted] search this approach....the Duty/Duties of Care involved and "Do no harm" concept. But I **will** be doing as [redacted] his letter along. And one person I will attempt to contact, to make sure she is aware of it, w [redacted]. I wish her all the best, and am dismayed that SO many people, like myself, are effectively having to be fighting with our own governments. You all are NOT elected to put the interests of the likes of Gina and Clive before that of the "common" people and our environment. So I will close with

reminding you, once again Greg....you are the Minister FOR the Enviroment. And you have an obligation to protect that, on the people of Australia's behalf.

Kind regards

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NB - this email Bcc'd to [redacted] and one other person interested in the GBR and CSG issues.

My email may also, later, be posted for people in various FaceBook Groups to peruse. There's a LOT of us who are very, very dis-satisfied with current governing.....on many inter-related fronts: CSG, Coal mining, corruption, dredging (& dumping) inside the Great Barrier Reef (GBR), increased shipping inside the GBR, inappropriate duplication of existing laws well able to control issues like Bikie gangs in Qld - if enforced by a properly resourced Police Force, etc, etc, etc.

The Courier Mail
09 NOV 2013, Page 32
Shame on this state of mine

By KATHLEEN NOONAN

CALL me old-fashioned, but I'm a bit of a believer in due process. Wild and crazy notion, I know. Yet, I believe good government relies on due process. If due process is followed, even if you disagree with the politics of the decision, you can cop it.

Ten years ago a bunch of people believed in due process too. They put up their own land in central Queensland to save it from being cleared, signing a conservation agreement with state and federal governments in perpetuity - meaning, for life.

Just repeating, they signed a legally binding agreement with the state government.

The federal government thought this land so vital, of such high conservation value, it kicked in \$300,000 for the purchase.

Yes, taxpayers, our money. Since then, the land has been nurtured and protected. These people spend their time and resources restoring it. They just love it because it is conservation heartland and full of birds, including the tiny *Poephila cincta cincta*, the black-throated finch.

An extraordinary sighting of these 15g stocky birds was confirmed by its Atlas of Birds Project.

The bird is listed as 'endangered' by the Commonwealth.

This area is the Bimblebox Refuge, an 8000ha patch of drylands ecosystem that is brimming with biodiversity, (bimblebox.org) near Alpha, in central Queensland.

Then, suddenly all that changed. The refuge is in the way of where Clive Palmer's Waratah Coal's 'China First' thermal coal mine project is proposed for the Galilee Basin.

Palmer is planning four underground mines and two surface mines, covering almost 70,000ha, exporting 40 million tonnes a year for 30 years. It is quite simply staggering in size.

(All you greenies out there might as well forget about sticking up solar panels to try to reverse global warming and reduce carbon in your own backyard because, when this baby gets going, we will literally be rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic.) When the mine was first mooted, the little people who donated Bimblebox land thought: Surely not, this won't go ahead because we've made an agreement with the government and due process will be followed. We're not living in Joh's Queensland anymore.

Now, this is where it all turns very interesting.

You see, Queensland's Newman Government has approved the massive China First Project. The issue of destroying the refuge didn't really pose much of a hitch. A minor technicality, people.

Early in August, it was announced in a press release that the Co-ordinator-General Barry Broe had approved it.

Broe, who Premier Campbell Newman brought across from Brisbane City Council where he was divisional manager of infrastructure, has been busy this year approving many things, particularly anything huge. He's proven very handy at it.

We've got Clive's mega mine and the mega rail line, and the \$15 billion liquefied natural gas plant in central Queensland, just to name a few.

In the case of Bimblebox, the landholders who signed the agreement in good faith were not informed of the decision by the State Government. They found out through the media.

Here's where it gets more interesting. The proposed mega project still has to receive an assessment from the Federal Government. It is before Environment Minister Greg Hunt.

Is this the same Greg Hunt who when commenting on climate change and bushfire intensity recently said he had 'looked up what Wikipedia' said about it?

Yes, that's right. This Environment Minister with all the research power of his vast department turned to Wikipedia, which teachers across Australia discourage our schoolchildren from using as a primary source for assignments on the basis it is not always reliable. Hunt has to assess a federal environmental impact statement recently completed by China First. And he has to determine whether the mine complies with new laws requiring a cumulative assessment of the impact it would have on water resources before it can proceed.

The other big player in this is, of course, Palmer. What's that, you ask? Is this the same mining magnate who boasts of learning his political smarts from former premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen?

The same man who is preparing to wield his powerful four-senator balance of power voting bloc from next July and therefore is crucial to the Federal Government wanting to get through legislation? Yes, it is.

Still feeling comfortable about all this?

If the mine gets the green light it will be the first time in history a Queensland property covered by a perpetual Nature Refuge Agreement is destroyed for mineral extraction. Now, readers, the backdrop to all this, of course, is the Greek chorus we keep hearing. Australia is open for business, says Prime Minister Tony Abbott repeatedly. Queensland is open for business, Newman says repeatedly. It's starting to feel like we're wide, wide open for business. (If you're a little uncomfortable with any of that 'due process', then email greg.hunt.mp@environment.gov.au)

Our footnote:

1) The original article stated 700,000 ha. However the EIS for China First states that EPC1040 – Waratah Coal's exploration tenement, where they propose to build the "China First" project, is 72,500ha (725km²). Still a lot of country by our standards!

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Oct 19 (12 days ago)

to (list of email address "names" from [redacted]'s address book):

Premier, DeputyPremier, Southport, Health, Stafford, police, Attorney, environment, nrm, Pumicestone, EnergyandWater, ATSI, Tourism, sitia, localgovernment, thepremier, Mermaid.Beach, Treasurer, Nanango, Education, Mount.Coot-tha, Mirani, TMR, Chatsworth, HousingandPubl.

Premier this is a demand, stop bulk answering my emails, one notice, one response.

This Notice places the Premier of Queensland Campbell Newman, all of Your Liberal National Party elected representatives, all Public Servants on Notice of Harm.

This Notice relates to the health impacts of the Coal Seam Gas extractive and processing and transport activities. It brings forward damning evidence that Your Government is not acting in the best interest of the general public. Even after repeated requests, this Government has been unable to furnish me the evidence that it has investigated what the content of the pollution the industry releases into the air.

What is released from and not limited to the list below,

1. well flaring
2. leaking wells
3. compressor station flaring and venting
4. processing plant flaring and venting
5. venting from high points
6. evaporation from the regional ponds
7. evaporation from the brine ponds
8. evaporation from the frack return waste ponds.

As you, Premier Cambell Newman, and your government refuse or are unable to give access to this information I draw the conclusion that you either are aware of its potential danger or in fact are ignoring your Duty of Care.

I have included a link that clearly draws attention to the lack of knowledge regarding these health impacts, read it carefully and respond accordingly. If you have no proof this industry is safe, and you have refused to guarantee that, then I must presume you have neglected your duty of care, as has your government and all your senior public servants, in particular your Government's Health Minister Springborg, and the Health Department Senior Public Servants.

My expectation is that you read this document, and subsequently, if in fact you are able to prove this industry does not contribute to any of these toxins, respond with your Government's proof, your Government's testing, your Government's results, listing those individuals involved in the research, the individuals who carried out the testing, and the individuals who made the assumptions, that the industry is safe for the environment and those living within impacted areas.

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20121203/natural-gas-drilling-air-pollution-fracking-colorado-methane-benzene-endocrine-health-NMHC-epa-toxic-chemicals?page=2>

An industry response is not required, it is you and your departments who are bound to conform with your and their duty of care to ensure these chemicals are not present, don't cut and paste some industry responses, this needs scientific research, if it is in your possession, provide it.

If you don't have this evidence, cease Coals Seam Gas activities until you have proof it is safe.

Now this Notice is to support all impacted people and may be used by anyone at any time against those Noticed. It is your responsibility to inform all those in you departments.

On a very personal note, my grandchildren show symptoms that the above link alludes to. To appease my anxiety you would need to give me access to your proof, and if you don't have that proof, it would be my desire that all involved in your Government and your departments be criminally charged.

I believe the Queensland government Health Report is a disgrace, it belittles the quality of the people working for Q Health, as more and more employees choose to speak out. Your clinging to this report only further implicates both you and your department heads. One day a high level whistle blower will be prepared to step forward publicly, maybe it is then that this Notice will be able to be used in court, and it is my belief this Notice will find it's way into court to implicate Q Health Officials as well.

Again, it is my belief this industry is harming the very people you supposedly protect.

Again I restate I believe you have no proof this industry is safe and in fact will be unable to release any research or testing to prove you even know what pollutants this industry is emitting. If my belief is true, then you clearly show you are negligent in your duty of care.

I decided to pop this link in as well, just so **you** can educate *yourself* and *your* Government and have no plausible denial ability.

<http://www.endocrinedisruption.com/chemicals-in-natural-gas-operations/introduction>

I am looking forward to a prompt response.

As always I will share this Notice widely, so please take it as a Public Notice, and as always I will share the response. I hope that as time progresses and as the evidence becomes more obvious, that **you** and *your* Government elect and *your* Government Departments are asked to explain your failure to comply with the Duty of Care.

It is Unlawful to Harm so many lawful actions, as well as legislative acts, exist that may be brought forward to be answered in Court.

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