

ROSS M'ALARY
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OVER A DECADE AGO WE WERE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE 40% TOWARDS THE COST TO CAP AND PIPE TWO BORE BLEMBS TO RESTORE FLOWS AND BORE HEAD PRESSURES. WE WERE INVOLVED IN TWO SCHEMES AT A COST OF OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

NOW WE FIND OUT THREE PEOPLE WILL DECIDE TO PUT ALL THIS IN JEOPARDY. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVEN THAT ALL THE PROTOCOLS, LEGISLATION THAT DEPARTMENTS LIKE YOURS HAD IN PLACE THAT LAND, AND A WATER ACQUIFER HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONTAMINATED - IN THE NARRABRI CSG PROJECT

ADD TO THIS THE SCORGE OF BORES THAT HAVE LOST BORE-HEAD PRESSURES AND FLOWS THAT PEOPLE LIKE STEPHEN ODONOHUE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HAVE WITNESSED IS EVIDENCE ENOUGH THIS IS A FELTY INDUSTRY.

PUT YOURSELF IN THE SHOE OF A RURAL LANDOWNER WHO RUNS LIVESTOCK AND LIVES ON THE PROPERTY AND YOUR LAND AND BORE IS CONTAMINATED. WHEN A ACQUIFER IS CONTAMINATED AS IS THE CASE IN NARRABRI ALREADY, WOULD YOU ALLOW YOUR CHILDREN TO DRINK FROM BORES IN THE AREA.

ADD TO THIS THE BIO-SECURITY RISK TO LIVESTOCK. WHEN WE HAVE LIVESTOCK THAT LEAVE THE PROPERTY WE SEND A VENDOR'S DECLARATION FORM GUARANTEEING THEY ARE FREE OF ANY CHEMICALS. IF WHAT HAS HAPPENED AT NARRABRI OCCURRED ON OUR PROPERTY WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENSURE THIS AND ANY POTENTIAL BUYERS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO DEAL WITH US. WE HAVE A REPUTATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS BEING "CLEAN AND GREEN". WHY JEOPARDISE THIS STATUS.

WE TOTALLY OPPOSE THE NARRABRI GAS PROJECT OR ANY OTHER PROJECT OVER THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN; IT IS A SCAP IN THE FACE TO THOSE LANDHOLDERS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO CAP AND PIPE THE BORES SCHEME TO RESTORE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THOSE BORES, TO SEE THE BLOODY-MINDEDNESS OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT, TO UNDO ALL THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

YOU ONLY NEED LOOK AT THE MESS OUR RIVERS ARE IN TO SEE THAT OVER-ALLOCATION AND EXTRACTION ALLOWED BY GOVERNMENT TO SEE THAT SOMETHING AS VALUABLE AS THE GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN IS SOMETHING THEY NEED TO KEEP THEIR HANDS OFF. WHERE IS THE COMPENSATION FOR ALL THAT MONEY WE HAVE INVESTED TO CAP/PIPE ALL THESE BORES, IF WE ARE NOT ALLOWED ANY SAY IN THE PROCESS WHEN ULTIMATELY DAMAGES AND CONTAMINATION WILL OCCUR. PLEASE JUST TAKE NOTICE OF THE FACTS THAT ARE ALREADY THERE FOR PEOPLE TO SEE.

THE PEOPLE TALKED WITH THIS DECISION HAVE A CLEAR MORAL OBLIGATION NOT TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

IF IT HAD NOT ALL THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT CONDITIONS, WOULD YOU HAVE ALLOWED A CSG PROJECT TO BE ESTABLISHED BESIDE THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN EUROPE DURING WWII - TO SUPPLY GAS TO THOSE CAMPS. I WOULD HOPE THAT AS IN THE CASE OF NARRABRI YOU WOULD MAKE THE RIGHT MORAL DECISION.

NOT THAT YOU PEOPLE WILL ADMIT, BUT THE 850 WELLS IN THE NARRABRI CSG CROWN LAND PROJECT IS ONLY JUST THE BEGINNING.

IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE OF YOU PEOPLE NOT TO BE AWARE OF THE VAST AREAS SANTO'S HAS IN MIND TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE, AS IN QUEENSLAND.

IF YOU PEOPLE THINK IT IS SO SAFE HOW ABOUT YOU MORTGAGE YOUR FAMILY'S ASSETS TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION TO THOSE WHO WILL HAVE THEIR BORES CONTAMINATED, THEIR BORE-HEAD PRESSURES AFFECTED AND IN SOME CASES LOSE THEIR BORE-WATER FLOWS COMPLETELY AND IMPAIR THEIR ABILITY TO OPERATE A FARMING AND GRAZING OPERATION.

JUST REMEMBER, YOUR NAMES WILL BE FOREVER ATTACHED TO ANY DAMAGE TO THE G.A.B.

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