

From: TRACEY Alena [Alena.Tracey@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Thursday, 11 January 2018 10:08 PM
To: Angus Sutherland
CC: Virginia Dale; CLEMENTS Caley
Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister week beginning 15 Jan - New Acland and [s.73 - Not Relevant]

Sorry

Attendees with be Dean Ellwood, DDG ESR; Anne Lenz, ESR and Alena Tracey.

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From: Tina Langford
Sent: Friday, 12 January 2018 3:09 PM
To: Angus Sutherland
Subject: FW: Meeting with Minister week beginning 15 Jan - New Acland
Attachments: CTS 00469-18.docx

s.73 - Not Relevant

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Executive Assistant/Office Manager

Office of Hon Leeanne Enoch MP

Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef

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From: JOHNSTON Peta [mailto:Peta.Johnston@des.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 12 January 2018 2:35 PM

To: Tina Langford

Subject: RE: Meeting with Minister week beginning 15 Jan - New Acland

s.73 - Not Relevant

Hi – attached is a MBN that I will bring down shortly in hardcopy, but Jamie said to give this to the Minister for her meeting with Tony Roberts.

thanks

Peta Johnston | Senior Departmental Liaison Officer

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s.73 - Not Relevant

Hi Tina,

Can you put this briefing in the diary as a priority.

Thanks

Angus

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From: Matthew Pitman
Sent: Monday, 15 January 2018 1:16 PM
To: Angus Sutherland
Subject: New Acland

Hi Angus,
Just wanted to touch base with you RE: New Acland.
Do you have time this week for a catch up?
Matthew

Matthew Pitman

Policy Advisor

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Minister for Natural Resources Mines and Energy



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From: Ben Doyle
Sent: Thursday, 18 January 2018 12:24 PM
To: Media@ehp.qld.gov.au
CC: Angus Sutherland; Deb Brennan
Subject: Fwd: New Acland mine: 7.30, ABC-TV

Hi guys,

For response. Can be tomorrow.

Cheers.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [redacted] Schedule 4 - CTPI
Date: 18 January 2018 at 12:12:15 pm AEST
To: "'ben.doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au'" <ben.doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: New Acland mine: 7.30, ABC-TV

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To: Ben Doyle; Media DES
CC: Angus Sutherland; Deb Brennan
Subject: RE: New Acland mine: 7.30, ABC-TV

Thanks Ben – I can take a look at this one

Megan Lutz

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From: WHEELER Eliza [Eliza.Wheeler@ehp.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 19 January 2018 4:38 PM

To: Ben Doyle; Tim Auguston

CC: Angus Sutherland; Deb Brennan; Media DES; STEELE Mary; LAWRENCE Rob; TRACEY Alena; DES Director General; ELLWOOD Dean; CAGNEY Justin; BIRCH Kerynne; LOWE Trinity

Subject: Ben and Tim: for your approval - response to 7.30's enquiry re New Acland EA decision

Attachments: 180118 - New Acland Coal Mine EA decision - 7.30 Report.docx

Hi Ben and Tim,

Please find attached and below a response to ABC's 7.30 program in relation to the New Acland coal mine EA decision, for your approval.

ESR DDG Dean Ellwood has approved.

Given the enquiry came via the MO, would you like to respond or would you like the department to send the approved statement back?

Kind regards,

Eliza Wheeler

Media Officer

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Media response

Re: New Acland coal mine EA decision

For: Peter McCutcheon – 7.30

Deadline: COB Friday 19 January

Date: Thursday 18 January 2018

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DES is currently developing a strategy on how best to communicate the EA decision to all relevant stakeholders.

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DES has five working days after the decision is made to provide the EA to the applicant.

ENDS

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From: Ben Doyle
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:13 PM
To: WATSON Matthew
CC: Daniel Lato; Angus Sutherland; Deb Brennan
Subject: FW: Ben and Tim: Acland3Approval imminent
Attachments: Acland3DecisionOverturned.pdf; DEHPProcess.pdf

Thanks Matt. We'll need to see this response before it goes back to the journo.

Cheers,

Ben Doyle
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Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 11:32 AM
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Cc: Media DES <Media@des.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Ben and Tim: Acland3Approval imminent

Hi Ben and Tim,
Working up a short response to this.
NRM have been notified.
Cheers

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Cheers,

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From: Schedule 4 - CTP

Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 12:15 PM

To: 'Jan Martin' <Jan.Martin@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: FW: Acland3Approval imminent

Hi Jan,

Just had this come through. Is it correct that Dr Lynham will be making a decision on New Acland in the coming days?

Happy to chat over the phone.

Cheers,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Environment Council [<mailto:info@ddec.org.au>]

Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 11:05 AM

To: paul@mediationworks.com.au

Subject: Acland3Approval imminent

The Minister for Mines Anthony Lynham is expected to imminently endorse New Hope Coal against the recommendations of the Land Court.

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Subject: Angus - Dan - Deb - Ben D: New Acland response channel 7 and the Chronicle
Attachments: 290118 - New Acland - Toowoomba Chronicle.docx

Hi Angus – Dan - Deb,
Apologies but we are right on deadline.
Please note, I have emailed NRM about this inquiry.
Is this response okay to progress?
Cheers

Media response

Re: New Acland Stage 3

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I am ok with this

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Journalist

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Angus Sutherland

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From: Deb Brennan
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 3:19 PM
To: Ben Doyle ; Angus Sutherland
Subject: FW: Angus - Dan - Deb - Ben D: New Acland response channel 7 and the Chronicle

I am ok with this

From: WATSON Matthew [<mailto:Matthew.Watson@des.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 3:15 PM
To: Angus Sutherland <Angus.Sutherland@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Ben Doyle <Ben.Doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Daniel Lato <Daniel.Lato@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Deb Brennan <Deb.Brennan@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

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To: WATSON Matthew; Angus Sutherland; Daniel Lato; Deb Brennan
CC: Media DES
Subject: RE: Angus - Dan - Deb - Ben D: New Acland response channel 7 and the Chronicle

This was approved by our SPAs. Good to go back.

Ben Doyle

Media Advisor



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Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2018 2:26 PM

To: Daniel Lato; Angus Sutherland; Luke Moore

CC: TRACEY Alena; DLO DES

Subject: FW: Minister request: New Acland Mine

Attachments: 1258 - Att 2 - New Acland Mine Decsion further info.docx; 1258 - Att 1 - New Acland Mine Decsion further info.docx; 1258 - New Acland Mine Decsion further info.docx; 469 - MIN NOTED and SIGNED BN (22 January 2018).pdf

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Thanks,

Emma Haig

Departmental Liaison Officer

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Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 10:47 AM
To: DLO DES; Daniel Lato; Angus Sutherland; Luke Moore
Subject: RE: Minister request: New Acland Mine

Hi Dan
My apologies but this should have been a MBN. I have also asked for additional information regarding the Communications plans.
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Cheers
Alena

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Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 10:50 AM
To: TRACEY Alena; DLO DES; Angus Sutherland; Luke Moore
Subject: RE: Minister request: New Acland Mine

Thanks Alena, much appreciated.

From: TRACEY Alena [mailto:Alena.Tracey@des.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 10:48 AM
To: DLO DES ; Daniel Lato ; Angus Sutherland ; Luke Moore
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From: Daniel Lato

Sent: Sunday, 4 February 2018 2:07 PM

To: Ben Doyle; Angus Sutherland

Subject: 180203 [REDACTED] s.73 - Not Relevant

Attachments: 180203 [REDACTED] s.73 - Not Relevant

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Dan.

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From: Angus Sutherland
Sent: Sunday, 4 February 2018 4:16 PM
To: Daniel Lato
CC: Ben Doyle
Subject: Re: 180203_ [s.73 - Not Relevant] docX

No worries Dan, will have a look and come back to you. A

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Feb 2018, at 2:07 pm, Daniel Lato <Daniel.Lato@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

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Media Advisor



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From: Daniel Lato
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To: Ben Doyle; Angus Sutherland
Subject: Re: 180203_ [s.73 - Not Relevant]

Legend, thanks

Sent on the go with Vodafone

----- Original message -----

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Date: 4/2/18 5:00 pm (GMT+10:00)
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CC: Tim Auguston
Subject: RE: 180203 [s.73 - Not Relevant]
Attachments: 180203 [s.73 - Not Relevant] 171218 - PPQ SLATS.docx; 220118 - New Acland Coal Mine EA decision - 7.30 Report.pdf; 290118 - New Acland - Channel 7.pdf; New Acland Coal Mine Stage Three Expansion - UPDATED.docx

Updated doc. is attached. I pulled the lines from a few recent PPQs/media responses. These are also attached for reference.
Cheers,

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Media response

Re: New Acland coal mine EA decision

For: Schedule 4 - CTPI – 7.30

Date: Mon 22 January 2018

The Environment Department has before it an EA amendment application for stage 3 of the New Acland coal mine. I understand the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines must provide the Department of Environment and Science (DES) with any advice he has about the application by January 31. Furthermore, the DES must decide on the application (with consideration of last year's Land Court recommendation and the any advice from the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines) by February 14.

So much questions are:

How will that DES decision be communicated? Will there be a public announcement by the Department or minister? Will it be immediately communicated to the stakeholders? Or is there a process by which the decision stays confidential for a while?

Please attribute to a Department of Environment and Science spokesperson:

Whilst there is no statutory requirement under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* to notify the public about the decision, the Department of Environment and Science (DES) understands there are a number of stakeholders interested in the outcome of the New Acland's Environmental Authority (EA) application.

DES is currently developing a strategy on how best to communicate the EA decision to all relevant stakeholders.

The decision must be made by close of business on 14 February 2018.

DES has five working days after the decision is made to provide the EA to the applicant.

ENDS

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Media response

Re: New Acland Stage 3

For: Schedule 4 - CTPI – Channel 7

Date: 29 January 2018

From: Schedule 4 - CTPI

Sent: Monday, 29 January 2018 12:01 PM

To: Ben Doyle <Ben.Doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: Oakey Acland Mine decision

Hi there,

I just wanted to touch base about the Land court decision for the Oakey Acland mine.

We understand a decision is pending this week.

Do you know when a decision will be made on the mine expansion?

There are meetings currently occurring in and around the towns where the mine is, does this have anything to do with a pending decision?

Deadline will be 3pm.

Cheers,

Schedule 4 - C

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From: Ben Doyle
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 5:10 PM
To: Daniel Lato; Tim Auguston; Hannah Jackson; Angus Sutherland
Subject: RE: Lines
Attachments: 180207_Resources.docx

Updated.

Ben Doyle

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From: Daniel Lato
Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 5:05 PM
To: Ben Doyle ; Tim Auguston ; Hannah Jackson ; Angus Sutherland
Subject: FW: Lines

Hi guys,
Can you urgently review for Min's folder?
Cheers,
Dan.

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Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 5:01 PM
To: Daniel Lato <Daniel.Lato@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Lines

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From: MCDONALD Emiliia **On Behalf Of** ROBERTS Tony

Sent: Tuesday, 6 February 2018 4:45 PM

To: TRACEY Alena; ROBERTS Tony

Cc: MERRICK Jamie

Subject: RE: Lines

Good afternoon

Please see attached page 4 – updated in track and endorsed by DDG EPP 6/02.

The Science group was consulted.

Thanks

Em

Emiliia McDonald

Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director-General

**Environmental Policy and Planning**

Department of Environment and Science

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From: TRACEY Alena**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 February 2018 10:11 AM**To:** ELLWOOD Dean; ROBERTS Tony**Cc:** MERRICK Jamie**Subject:** FW: Lines

Hi Dean and Tony

Can you please fact check the attached asap today?

Dean – pages 1-3 are yours

Tony – you get page 4

Thanks in advance

Alena

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From: Daniel Lato [<mailto:Daniel.Lato@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]**Sent:** Tuesday, 6 February 2018 9:23 AM**To:** MERRICK Jamie**Cc:** TRACEY Alena**Subject:** FW: Lines

Hi Jamie,

As discussed, these are the lines we prepared for the Minister. If you could have these checked today so we can prep the Minister prior to her morning media call, that would be appreciated.

Cheers,

Dan.

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Sent: Friday, 9 February 2018 3:04 PM
To: Daniel Lato
CC: Luke Moore; TRACEY Alena; Hannah Jackson; Angus Sutherland
Subject: FW: Incoming MECs from Members of the public RE: New Acland

FYI only below

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Subject: Incoming MECs from Members of the public RE: New Acland

Good afternoon,

I have been speaking with Kate Bennink (Manager – Business Centre Coal, CaCQC) who is dealing with all incoming items in regards to New Acland.

As the decision for New Acland will be made next week, we are requesting to put on hold all current and incoming MECs items from members of the public in relation the New Acland until the decision has been finalised.

Once the decision is made, we will have a standard reply which will be used to draft the replies to the items that have been place on hold.

Please let me know if this is acceptable and something we can look at doing until late next week?

Thanks,

Gabi

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Subject: Prepared for Parliament - PPQs
Attachments: 180206 - PDF - DES 13-15 Feb.pdf; 180212-PDF-MO PPQ 13-15 Feb.pdf

Good Afternoon Minister,

Please find attached the updated DES PPQ folder which includes a PPQ on s.73 - Not Relevant and a copy of the MO PPQ's.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or if there is more information we can provide.

Regards,

Luke Moore

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Hi Jan,
Could you please advise if you'd like any changes made to the attached HIB?
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Subject: Re: Draft HIB for approval: New Acland

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On 13 Feb 2018, at 5:53 pm, Ben Doyle <Ben.Doyle@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

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Subject: FYI - ABC 730 - New Acland Coal mine expansion back on the table

Hello

ABC coverage overnight: <http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/new-acland-coal-mine-expansion-back-on-the-table/9443868>

Media will be advised of the decision at 2pm.

Regards Anna.

TRANSCRIPT:

For nearly a decade, local Queensland farmers and environment groups have fought against the proposed expansion of New Acland Coal's mine. Last year they were victorious – the Queensland Land Court threw out the proposal. Now it is back on the table.

PETER MCCUTCHEON, REPORTER: Noel Wieck has been running this award-winning dairy on Queensland's Darling Downs for nearly half a century.

He has battled droughts and falling milk prices, and still come out on top but there is one fight he is not sure he can win.

NOEL WIECK, DAIRY FARMER: I cracked up in the Land Court over this, I am cracking up now.

That's how important this is to me.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: It is a fight to stop the expansion of a neighbouring coal mine, with fears it could draw down his precious groundwater.

NOEL WIECK: Shut this gate now. See what the bulls did to it this afternoon? Wrecked the jolly thing.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Destroying his plans to leave the farm to his grandchildren.

NOEL WIECK: You know, an 11-year-old kid up at the house here. He is attached to this farm. It is in his blood.

We have been here for nearly 100 years. He should have the same opportunities I've had.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: There is also opportunities for hundreds of mining jobs and after three years of sitting on the fence, the Queensland Labor Government has been forced to show whether it will allow further coalmining in the state's agricultural heartland.

MATTHEW BUSCH, NEW HOPE/NEW ACLAND COAL: There is good quality coal here, we have good community support for the project by and large. You know, you can't please everyone.

PROTESTERS: Our land, our water, our future.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: The proposal to expand the new Acland coal mine has deeply divided the local community.

More than 30 locals challenged the mine in the state Land Court, which last May did something totally unexpected.

For the first time its history, a Land Court member gave a mine an unqualified thumbs down.

NOEL WIECK: You know, it was a shock to everybody. He said, you know, he was there for five minutes, and he said the orders today are this, this and this. The court is adjourned.

Well, the poor old mine side of it, they didn't anticipate it.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Despite the court victory, there is a catch - the Government can still give the mine the green light.

MICHAEL BERKMAN, QLD GREENS MP: The Minister, as the decision-maker on the mining lease and the department deciding on the environmental authority aren't bound by the Land Court recommendations. They just have to take those into account.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: The major weakness in the miners' case was how the operation would affect groundwater on neighbouring farms.

The Land Court was scathing of New Acland Coal's water modelling.

FRANK ASHMAN, COAL MINE OBJECTOR: The judge, he determined that the risk factor was far too great to allow that mine to go ahead.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: The Land Court member described your water modelling as a muddle.

That is pretty embarrassing, isn't it?

MATTHEW BUSCH: Well, it is probably not a term that we would like used, but it is certainly not what we believe the water modelling was.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: But the weakness in New Acland's water plan may not be fatal.

7.30 has learnt the Queensland Labor Government threw the company a life-line late last year, asking the miner to submit new water modelling to the Environment Department.

Is that fair?

MATTHEW BUSCH: Well, I don't think at a point in time, if you say something, if there is an issue with something, I think the right thing to do is to look at what the issue was and to address that issue and to try and resolve it.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Mine opponents say Labor is giving New Acland Coal a second chance - away from

court scrutiny.

FRANK ASHMAN: It is a worry, it is a big worry. We have got departments that should be working for all and sundry in the best interests of everybody.

(Extract from New Hope promotional video)

FIREMAN: It has really been great, the actual support that we have got from the New Hope group.

(End of extract)

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Over the past few months, New Acland's parent company, New Hope, has been stepping up its marketing campaign saying that without the expansion approval, the whole coal operation would have to shut down.

Although many of the local farmers are angry about the mine, you will find a lot more supporters here in the township of Oakey.

In fact there is a growing sense of frustration here that the whole saga has been dragging on for too long.

VICKY REEVES, GREAT COUNTRY PIES: It has been a very hard time for the town, it is a big worry for a lot of people, to know whether or not they are going to have secure jobs in the future.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Many Oakey businesses have been relying on the new Acland coal mine for the past 15 years.

Oakey Resident: There is a lot of businesses here that are struggling, they need this prosperity, the money that would come along from this would boost this town to another level.

Protester: Why are you people mining prime agricultural land?

PETER MCCUTCHEON: It was a very different sentiment at the John Derian public hall, one of a number of information sessions that New Acland Coal has been running over the past fortnight.

Noel Wieck maintains his rage.

NOEL WIECK: This land is under the regional plan, is set aside for agriculture. You have to get an exception and you are not even bothering.

You are thumbing your nose at the law.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: A New Acland executive attending the meeting, Matt Busch, agreed to speak to 7.30.

There is a lot of coal in Queensland, why do you want to continue mining here, slap bang in the middle of prime agricultural land?

MATTHEW BUSCH: Look, I'm not sure that I think the land that we are mining is prime agricultural land.

There have been agricultural activities in this region for a very long time, but most of the people that we purchased property off for the mine were more than happy to sell when we bought their properties.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Some of that land is classified as some of the best cropping land in Queensland?

MATTHEW BUSCH: There is certainly pockets of good agricultural land in this region. We think we do an excellent job of rehabilitation.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: New Acland Coal also has another incentive for wanting to mine here.

Because of archaic land titles, much of this operation is royalty free.

The Land Court estimates the miner will only pay 7 per cent of the usual royalties to the state.

Is that one of the reasons why you want to mine here?

MATTHEW BUSCH: No, the quality of coal is probably the primary rationale, that is an anomaly of state-based legislation that goes back to 1900's.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: The Queensland Labor Government has gone out of its way to avoid this coalmining controversy but that is about to change.

The deadline for a decision on whether to grant a New Acland Coal the environmental authority for the expansion is tomorrow and the miner is optimistic.

MATTHEW BUSCH: We are confident that the mine will go ahead, we are committed to doing that for not just the hundreds of employees that are dependent upon it, we have got multiple more contractors, we've got customers, we have got suppliers, but more importantly, the community wants this to go ahead.

PETER MCCUTCHEON: Despite the recent encouraging signs for the coalminer, Noel Wieck isn't giving up.

NOEL WIECK: This mine epitomise everything that could possibly be wrong with an open cut mine.

The only thing it has going for it is jobs, jobs are transferable - strategic cropping land and good quality water are not.

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Please make any further changes required. Our included paragraphs are highlighted.
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Strictly embargoed: 2.00pm – Wednesday 14 February 2018

Amended environmental authority for New Acland Coal Mine Stage Three Expansion Project refused

The Department of Environment and Science (DES) today refused the application for an amended environmental authority (EA) to allow for the Stage Three Expansion of the New Acland Coal Mine, north-west of Toowoomba.

This decision has been made based on the information that was provided by the proponent.

As the administering authority, DES holds an independent regulatory role, and is the sole decision-maker in relation to EA applications.

Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, DES was required to make a final decision on the New Hope Group's EA amendment application for the proposed New Acland Mine Stage Three Expansion Project by 14 February 2018.

The applicant and parties to the Land Court objections hearing have been advised of the decision.

The decision to refuse the application is in line with the recommendation of the Land Court which was handed down in May 2017. This followed 99 days of expert and lay witness testimony regarding the potential impacts of the project.

As the decision to refuse the EA amendment application for the New Acland Coal Mine may be subject to legal action, DES is unable to provide any further information in relation to the matter.

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Hi guys,

These are good to go from Premiers. You may want to suggest they run them by Evan Moorehead, I have a call in with him but he hasn't called back.

The release is also fine.

Cheers,

Dan.

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Great news! [#Qld](#) government has made the only sensible decision on the New Acland Coal mine project- it has REFUSED it! Well done all who have been part of this long journey. [#nonewcoal](#) [#BREAKING](#) [#qldpol](#)

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[WIN News Toowoomba](#) added [3 new photos](#).

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BREAKING: The environment department has REFUSED to grant New Acland Coal Mine an environmental authority to progress with stage three of the project.

The Oakey Coal Action Alliance is celebrating, but it's a blow for local coal mining workers. Details [#WINNews6pm](#)





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Queensland accepts court block on New Acland coalmine expansion

The state government refuses to provide an environmental licence to allow New Hope to expand mining to the Darling Downs

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Wed 14 Feb 2018 14.40 AEDT Last modified on Wed 14 Feb 2018 14.48 AEDT

The Queensland government has accepted a [landmark land and environment court ruling](#) from last year and refused to provide an environmental licence to the New Acland coalmine extension.

Following the longest case in the court's history, a judge last year recommended against New Hope's plans to expand the mine into prime agricultural land on Queensland's Darling Downs, primarily over concerns about impacts on groundwater supplies, but also on air quality and noise.

In [his ruling](#) in May 2017, Judge Paul Smith said: "It is beyond doubt that the mining proposed ... will cause disruptions to aquifers in the Acland region which will have an impact on nearby landholders."

It was the first time the court had recommended an environmental authority for a mine, known as New Acland coalmine, be rejected outright.

While the court decision was treated as a victory in a David-versus-Goliath battle involving dozens of local residents and groups, the state government's environment department released its final verdict on Wednesday.

Concerns the court's recommendation could be ignored were raised this week after the ABC [revealed](#) the Queensland government had already thrown New Hope a lifeline and offered the miner a chance to submit revised groundwater modelling.

Jo-Anne Bragg, solicitor at the [Queensland](#) Environmental Defenders' Office, said: "Today's decision by the environment department was a test for both our newly elected government and for the department – whether it would follow independent and transparent court analysis of evidence, or be persuaded by New Acland's new groundwater work, which the government allowed to be provided in a last-minute submission process behind closed doors."

The decision may not be the end of the road for the New Acland coalmine stage 3 extension, or the community that is fighting it. The company has applied for judicial review of the land court's decision, which Bragg said could invalidate the department's decision.

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The state government refuses to provide an environmental licence to allow New Hope to expand mining to the Darling Downs

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The Queensland government has accepted a [landmark land and environment court ruling](#) from last year and refused to provide an environmental licence to the New Acland coalmine extension.

Following the longest case in the court's history, a judge last year recommended against New Hope's plans to expand the mine into prime agricultural land on Queensland's Darling Downs, primarily over concerns about impacts on groundwater supplies, but also on air quality and noise.

In [his ruling](#) in May 2017, Judge Paul Smith said: "It is beyond doubt that the mining proposed ... will cause disruptions to aquifers in the Acland region which will have an impact on nearby landholders."

It was the first time the court had recommended an environmental authority for a mine, known as New Acland coalmine, be rejected outright.

While the court decision was treated as a victory in a David-versus-Goliath battle involving dozens of local residents and groups, the state government's environment department released its final verdict on Wednesday.

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STEVE AUSTIN:

We've been following the story all afternoon, the issue of the State Environment Department rejecting a request to amend the environmental authority needed to expand the New Acland coal mine on the Darling Downs. As you've been hearing, the New Hope Group which runs the mine near Oakey, says it is disappointed by the decision, it's considering its legal options. The company says the Stage Three expansion plans would've ensured the continuing employment of 700 workers. Now we'll speak with an economist in just a moment, but let me go to Deb Frecklington who is the State Opposition leader and the Member for Nanango whose electorate takes in the mine. Deb Frecklington, good afternoon to you.

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Good afternoon Steve, it is good to be on your show.

STEVE AUSTIN:

It's good to have you hear. Give me your reaction to the news that the State Environment Department has blocked the request to expand the mine.

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Look, my reaction on the face of it is just... this is an incredible decision that the Government has taken and it is just, seriously, another flip-flop. What the people of that community want is they want a government to do what they say they will do. Now what the Government, the Palaszczuk Government, told my community, told the mine, told all of the workers, they said that they would wait for a judicial review process to be finalised before making any decisions on the final approval. Now it is just so disappointing, and that is what makes it so incredible, that again we have seen this Labor Government say one thing and do another. It's just another flip-flop, so look I am terribly disappointed that the Government haven't stuck to their word on this.

STEVE AUSTIN:

Now the Minister for Natural Resources doesn't have to take, or doesn't have to abide by the recommendation of the Environment Department, does he?

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

That is absolutely right, and this is a massive decision that will affect not only the 700-odd workers out there, but the thousands of people that rely on this decision being made out there on the Darling Downs. I mean, what we need to make sure is that people are comfortable and understand what the process is. So when a project such as this, and as controversial as some may say it is, if there is rules in place and when the Government says they are going to do one thing, they really should stick to it.

STEVE AUSTIN:

I am speaking with the Opposition Leader of Queensland, Deb Frecklington, she is also the Member for Nanango. Are you absolutely confident in the jobs figure, that 700 jobs figure, that the company says will be affected by this decision?

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Easily, easily 700. So if we're talking about direct jobs, I already know and many people that work there have had their shifts cut back in anticipation of what may or may not be going on to maintain the life of their project. But what I do know from a personal level is the amount businesses that are fed up, and rely upon that major project going ahead, or continuing, which is the current Acland mine. And you know, those offshoots around in those country towns are what employs people, and be it whether it is a local grader driver or other small businesses – the local hairdresser in Oakey for example – these people live and work in our community and that is what is a great thing about this project. Currently it is not a fly-in fly-out, it is a project that has worked in well with that local community for many years, so they deserve to have the right to go through the process like any other project and that is exactly what they are doing, and the government, like they have with many other projects – this isn't the only one, Steve – they've pulled the rug out underneath them. I mean we have seen it with ASF down on the Gold Coast, we've seen it with the call-ins of West Village and other projects, I mean the government are flip-flopping all over the place and no wonder business is at almost an all-time low, and we are still fighting Tasmania for the wooden spoon.

STEVE AUSTIN:

I watched the share price on the Australian Stock Exchange of New Hope Coal when the announcement came through this afternoon, their share value did go down. But not a massive amount. It almost looked like the market had sort of priced it in or predicted this. So the share price did drop, but not massively. I'm wondering whether or not that... where the company said last year that seven... this would mean in essence a \$7 billion dollar hit to the Queensland economy that that was over inflating it. In other words, the company is getting the egg beater out and over inflating the negative impact if the mine doesn't expand.

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Well, I think, you know, I mean the negative impact is very large for that Darling Downs area. But I think what the impacts that we need to be talking about here today is around Government decision making. You know, we have a Palaszczuk Labor Government now into its second term, who have made a practice within their first term of not doing what they say they were going to do for anyone that wants to invest here in Queensland – be it a mining



project; be it the ASF project; be it a... any form of development, and then they change their mind. What we need in Queensland to make sure projects like this do go ahead is certainty. We need people to feel comfortable to invest in Queensland. But currently the Government is making it very difficult because every time that they get to a stage the goal posts move.

STEVE AUSTIN:

Of course, this is an Australian owned company. This is not a mining company that has a mine here, but the profits go offshore and they transfer price to hide their profits and avoid tax – this is an Australian owned company that pays tax here. Are we hindering Australian companies and favouring international companies? Because if you believe the State Government, they say, well the Adani mine can still go ahead – it's up to the company to meet its own benchmarks. This looks like we're stopping a local, Australian company, but still allowing an overseas company to do mining here in Queensland.

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Well it certainly seems to be one rule for one, and a different rule for another. I mean, these are mum and dad investors. This is a company that is listed on the ASX, so the Australian Stock Exchange, just like you said, Steve, where they have mum and dad investors have put their hard-earned cash into buying these shares. So this is an Australian company. We should be doing everything we can to encourage Australian companies to be successful in Queensland.

STEVE AUSTIN:

Alright, now there was a Land and Environment Court matter that looked at this. It came up with serious concerns about the mine which the judicial review process is now considering. Do you support the integrity of the Queensland Land and Environment Court?

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Well look, Steve, what I support is the process, which is this project getting a decision out of a judicial review. Now that process...

STEVE AUSTIN:

But do you support the integrity of the Land and Environment Court?

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Well look, Steve, I certainly respect the integrity of the courts in Queensland. And we need to remember we have the separation of powers here in Queensland, and as a Parliamentarian I'm not going to get into that. But what I will get into is saying that if the Land Court decision is part of the judicial review, then that process certainly needs to be respected here in Queensland.

STEVE AUSTIN:

Do you support the right of the land owners and share croppers and farmers in the area to say no to the approach? In other words, different sort of jobs – food production jobs, things like that.

DEB FRECKLINGTON:

Yes, and that's a really interesting point, Steve, because they do have the right to say no and that's exactly what they're doing through the Land Court. But also, a lot of those landholders, a lot of those farmers; they actually work in the mine, and the majority of local farmers and landholders around that mine actually hold jobs in the mine as well, and they substitute their farming income, and you know, enable them to stay on that beautiful lands around the Darling Downs because they actually work in the mine. And it's been fascinating to watch those New Hope workers actually run their own campaign to keep this mine open. And that is being run by local farmers.

STEVE AUSTIN:

Now I'm going to speak with economist, John Quiggin, in just a moment – from the University of Queensland.

[ENDS]

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He's calling to get a copy of the decision that was handed down re: New Acland mine.

He didn't leave an email address, but his phone number is [Schedule 4 - CT]

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