



### **Call for Federal Minister to say “No to Curtis Island LNG”**

Capricorn Conservation Council urges Tony Burke Federal Environment minister to ‘Just Say No’ to the Santos proposal to extract Coal Seam Gas from the Surat Basin for export through Gladstone. Michael McCabe CCC Coordinator said today, “There are enormous environmental problems with the extraction of coal seam gas right through to the processing and export from LNG plants on Curtis Island”.

“The LNG industry proposals could permanently harm the environmental and includes many uncertainties; i.e.

- CSG extraction releasing huge volumes (gigalitres) of salty underground water,
- potential to contaminate groundwater supplies and valuable agricultural land,
- depletion of the groundwater resources, threatening the Great Artesian Basin;
- disruption to food production from the vast network of bores, pipelines and roads playing havoc with agricultural land.
- turning Gladstone Harbour upside down though millions of tonnes bring dredged and dumped.
- threats to Dugong sanctuary, dolphins, turtles, fisheries and other marine life
- gas pipelines crossing the Boyne geological fault line which formed The Narrows
- destruction of a large area on Curtis Island, all for a temporary industry.
- the need for regulatory departments, (DERM, GBRMPA) to catch up and get a better handle on the problems.
- there is plenty of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in Australia that is not sourced from risky Coal Seam Gas extraction., This could be used as a transition to truly renewable fuels,” Mr McCabe said.

“CCC wants to debunk the myth that coal seam LNG is a ‘clean’ energy. LNG emits half the CO<sub>2</sub> of burning coal. Don't be fooled. It may seem cleaner (clear gas vs. a black solid), but it is still a very serious source of greenhouse gas emissions. Unfortunately, this supposedly ‘clean’ tag distracts us from pursuing truly renewable energy resources,” Mr McCabe said.

“The Queensland Government has a track record of announcing billion dollar deals with overseas companies, prior to the proper approval process. This unseemly "dash for cash" has to stop.