



Gas Pipeline to Gladstone Halted

Work on the coal seam gas pipeline to Curtis Island has been stopped because of environmental breaches relating to the lack of plans for managing impacts on species and soil.

Capricorn Conservation Council has been expressing concerns that the rush to exploit underground coal gas for conversion to Liquefied Natural Gas, exceeds the capacity to effectively monitor and understand the potential harm on our fragile landscape and ecosystems.

Michael McCabe, CCC Coordinator said today, “We welcome the news that the government regulators have forced the companies to comply with the environmental management conditions for the gas pipeline”.

“We are about to experience the ‘gas rush’ much closer to home with the proposed Moranbah to Gladstone pipeline and exploratory gas drilling from Springsure to Duaringa, and from Marmor to St Lawrence.”

“Industrial ‘accidents’ and severe weather events have already shown the limitations of environmental conditions to prevent harm to natural systems. We are concerned we will see more instances where companies take short cuts, or fail to comply with the rules”.

“The promise of economic growth will seem quite hollow if we discover, too late, that we have caused permanent harm to aquifers, rivers, soil health, food security and threatened plants and animals.”
