

## How am I protected?

Simply put, we are NOT adequately protected.

**You do not have the right to say no to test drilling, a pipeline or a full-scale gas mining on your property.**

Wells can be drilled 100m from your house.



Many landowners are choosing to 'Lock the Gate' to mining and gas companies. This strategy appears to be working - as we print this brochure, no landholder has been challenged in court.

- Property values have dropped in areas where mining is already happening. Buyers are avoiding uncertainty surrounding affected properties and areas, or want to pay less.
- The Queensland government has limited numbers of staff monitoring mining and drilling operations. Companies are responsible for reporting contamination and, in practice, some are failing or delaying this until landowners draw attention to problems. In some cases, land owners have been forced to fund testing to prove contamination, before DERM has acted.
- The state government's policy to protect farmland will not help us - in its current form, it applies to land with less than 5% slope and does not stop coal seam gas (CSG).

Exploration permits cover most of the Scenic Rim. We need to take **urgent action now**.

## What can I do?

Join **Keep the Scenic Rim Scenic**.

We are a local, non-political group, opposed to inappropriate mining and development.

Please also consider donating to our fighting fund.



**Join us today and help protect our region**

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## The most powerful force in this country is a community working together standing up for its rights

Please don't underestimate your contribution - your voice is needed and **it will make a difference**.

- keep me informed about this issue
- donate to the Keep the Scenic Rim Scenic 'fighting fund' - see details below
- buy a 'Lock the Gate' sign for my gate or bumper sticker for my car (we will contact you)
- invite Keep the Scenic Rim Scenic to speak at my community group
- help spread the word - volunteer time or skills (please specify)

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Email [keepthescenicrimscenic@gmail.com](mailto:keepthescenicrimscenic@gmail.com)

or post this form to :  
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KTSRS is a subcommittee of BOSS Boonah Organisation for a Sustainable Shire

Our 'fighting fund' will help us cover costs including printing this brochure, posters, information packs, distribution and future advertising. To donate now:

**Bank account name: BOSS**  
**BSB: 633 000, account #: 133 633 826**  
please reference as ktsrs

Our website is constantly being updated with the latest information relating to exploration in our area, your rights as a landholder, news and links.

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# Coal and Coal Seam Gas Mining

It's already **destroying communities** across Queensland



Now it's  
**threatening your**  
**Scenic Rim**

# Test drilling has **already started** in the area. Here's what you **need to know**

## Where is this happening?

If you live in the red area on this map, your property is covered by an exploration permit for coal, coal seam gas or possibly both. Test drilling is already underway in some areas. **Remember, mining companies do not spend millions exploring, if they do not believe they will be allowed to access the resources they find.**

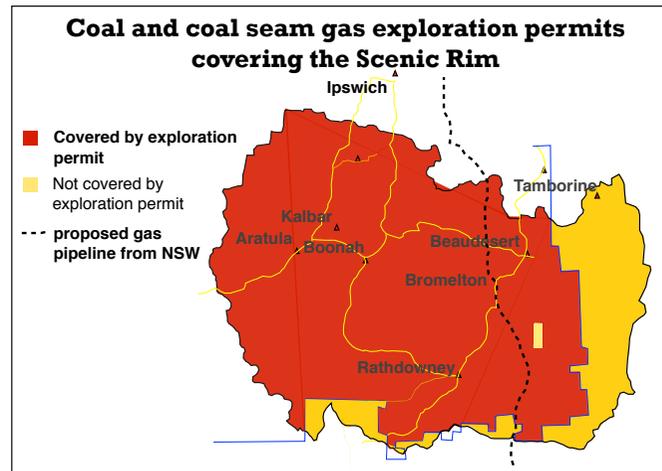
**If mining begins, it will be too late to stop.**

## What are they planning?

**Open-cut coal mining** is being investigated across the Scenic Rim, including near Boonah, Aratula, Veresdale, Bromelton, near World Heritage National Parks at Mt Barney and Darlington/Lost World Valley. To learn more, visit our website.

**Coal seam gas mining** exploration permits cover most of the Scenic Rim. If companies proceed to full-scale CSG production, thousands of gas wells threaten to industrialise our region. As this photo of Icon Energy's Australian 'frac' set-up shows, gas production involves access roads, well-to-well pipelines, noisy 24-hour compressor stations and heavy vehicles to truck out waste water and gas, if no pipeline is close.

**A major gas pipeline** from Casino to Swanbank, via World Heritage Border Ranges National Park and the future Bromelton Industrial Estate. Mining company Metgasco is currently negotiating planning permission. **Experts predict an extensive network of local feeder pipelines would follow, to connect Scenic Rim gas wells to the main line.**



## Mining companies in the Scenic Rim plan to use two controversial gas extraction methods:

**'Fracking'** - blasting water, sand and toxic chemicals deep underground to fracture coal seams and rock to release coal seam gas. Chemical and cross-contamination of underground water aquifers can occur. Flammable taps and bores graphically illustrate escaped methane. Fracking is banned in France and suspended in the UK, South Africa and parts of the US.

**Underground coal gasification** - setting fire to underground coal and harvesting the produced gas. Underground coal gasification is blamed for **contamination of bore water and cattle at Kingaroy and poisoning a creek at Kogan**, as well as subsidence elsewhere. It is being considered in areas south of Beaudesert, through to Lamington NP.



## Other concerns:

**Water:** CSG involves extracting significant quantities of underground water, raising fears of depletion of reserves critical for agriculture. Near Roma farmers are reporting changes in surface and underground levels.

CSG waste water needs to be 'treated' and disposed of. The State Government has plans to add it to reserves also used for drinking in Chinchilla, despite evidence of accumulated CSG chemicals in US water supplies. **Will CSG waste water also be added to our drinking supplies in the Scenic Rim?**

**Health:** Coal mining is acknowledged as a 'dirty industry' associated with asthma, lung disease, including black lung disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cancer, birth defects and clinical depression. Respiratory, endocrine and other health problems are also common in coal seam gas areas. Recent air quality tests around schools and houses, close to drilling in the US, found more than 22 toxic chemicals, including four known human carcinogens.

**If production begins in the Scenic Rim, it will have a major impact on the things we treasure:**

clean water, peaceful rural setting, high-quality farmland, pristine ecosystems, sustainable industries.

Evidence worldwide shows mining devastates regions, through lower land values, loss of quality agricultural land, industrialisation of communities and reduced tourism-related revenues.

**Who chooses to live in or visit a Gasland?**

