THE GALILEE BASIN - PROPOSED PROJECTS

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The following table shows the status of each proposed mine and mill at the Galilee Basin.

**Galilee mega projects must avoid mistakes of last boom**

**DANIEL FRANKS**

“All of a sudden business increased and we were encouraged to deal with it. The massive influx of people put strain on our infrastructure and services.”

That’s the advice Roger Ferguson has for residents of the Galilee Basin following the Federal Government’s decision to approve the expansion of the Abbot Point coal terminal and open the way for Queensland’s first mega-mine.

Mr Ferguson is former deputy mayor of the Isaac Regional Council, in the heart of the Bowen Basin, Queensland’s principal coal mining region. He owns the Western Heritage Motor Hotel and has experienced first-hand the effects of the last coal export boom, including the serious cost in affordable labour, the likelihood of many small businesses in the region. “There are good reasons to be cautious about the impact of large-scale mining on the local community.”

Bruce and Anniette Currie run a property called Speciation of Jericho in the shadows of the Kevin’s Corner Coal and Alpha Coal projects. Like other graziers, they are worried about new and large-scale mining projects that will affect the ground water that they use for their pastoral activities, with their concerns spiked by graziers in the basin who experienced impacts greater than predicted. They recently objected to the approval of the Alpha GVK Hancock mine lease with the case pending in the Queensland Land Court.

No project has announced a final investment decision and economic challenges may yet fall one or more of the proposed projects. If coal mining does come to the basin, the rural towns of Alpha, Jericho, Baralaba and Emerald will be transformed. Local residents are concerned about the impact on social services, traffic, dust and water. And the ability to fully capture the benefits of employment and business development.

The environmental movement has highlighted the impacts of port dredging on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, the clearing of native vegetation and the impact of coal mining on the region’s unique ecosystems. It has argued that the development of the Galilee Basin will require major investments in rail and port infrastructure to transport coal to the US and India.

In the midst of the most recent boom, Central Queensland mining companies have been urged to demand improvements in how the social and cumulative impacts of mining are managed. The mining companies have agreed to new requirements for social impact management plans that bring all companies into line with the standards set by the most responsible mining companies in the world.

The Newman Government has rebuffed these reforms in an effort to reduce “green tape.”

If the Galilee develops, the sector must take seriously the lessons of the last coal boom in the Bowen Basin and work closely with local communities and regulators to ensure mining development is managed to reduce the environmental impact.

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SETTLE: around the table with the inventor of the game and President of the Western Desert Research Institute, Dr. Peter Brown, is a discussion of the most recent mining development in court.

Indeed, the boardroom is a meeting of the minds. He’s named the company as the second most successful in the country.

It’s a unique feature of the company, which the prominent mining company has adopted. The company has the two former reserve directors for the company ALH Group, Reserve Bank board member and former Woolworths executive Roger Cooper and long-time investor.

Gold Coast and Ipswich director Scott Price is responsible for this, he says. “We’re not working to be the biggest. But we are working to be the best.”

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