

<p>ORDINARY MEETING</p> <p>4 NOVEMBER 2014</p>	<p>6.1</p>
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NOTICE OF MOTION – CR NOLI

Lock the Gate

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I hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday 4 November 2014:-

“That the Douglas Shire becomes a ‘Lock the Gate’ supportive shire and is opposed to Coal Seam Gas mining within the boundaries of the shire. Douglas Shire will also support our neighbouring shires in opposition to this practice. We standby this decision by implementing the following;

1. *Signing the “Call to Country” that is found on the ‘Lock the Gate’ webpage and sending it to our local, state and federal members and also petitioning the Prime Minister.*
2. *Actively encourage all our Shire residents to sign the petition on the website that states that ‘landholders should have a fair go and the right to say NO’.*
3. *Have information and brochures in our foyer about this movement.*
4. *Provide relevant information on our website and Facebook page.*

REASONS IN SUPPORT:

Douglas Shire Council has recently shown how dedicated it is to the natural environment:-

- We have made a submission to the Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning regarding the Draft planning and Development Bill 2014 raising issues concerning the seemingly imbalance between economic growth and environmental protection.
- We have made a submission to the Department of Environment regarding the Draft for Comment Reef 2050 Long-term sustainability Plan. P. 21 of the plan states that water quality is the single most important aspect for maintaining a healthy reef system.
 - *“Improving the quality of water in the Reef is critical to maintaining its Outstanding Universal Value and improving its health and resilience. Water quality is fundamental to the health of Reef ecosystems and biodiversity, and affects heritage values and community benefits derived from the Reef”.*

- *“Effective management of stormwater runoff, dredging, sewage outfalls, mine discharges and industrial contaminants will also continue.*
 - *The outcomes and targets for water quality are focussed on continued work to reduce diffuse source pollution from broadscale land use as directed by the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013. Actions under this theme also address water pollution from other sources (e.g. industrial and urban) and build on regulatory and other requirements already in place to manage discharge and runoff. Additionally, Traditional Owners are becoming involved in on-ground water quality improvement programs”.*
- We have been, and will be again, a Reef Guardian Shire Council.

For these reasons and for the environmental good of our shire I put forward this notice of motion.

CEO’S COMMENT:

Officers have no objection to this Notice of Motion.

This matter requires a policy decision of Council.