

## **RESULTS OF GALAXY SURVEY UNDERTAKEN IN THE SOUTH BURNETT PERTAINING TO**



### **Galaxy Research - Methodology**

This study was conducted in the South Burnett area between Monday 11 April and Thursday 14 April, 2016. The sample comprises 500 residents. Quotas based on age, gender and postcode were applied to ensure that the sample composition reflects the population.

Interviews were conducted using CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) with telephone numbers randomly selected from the Sample Pages national database. All interviewers were personally trained and briefed on the requirements of the study.

Following the completion of the interviewing, the data was weighted by postcode, age and gender to reflect the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics population estimates.

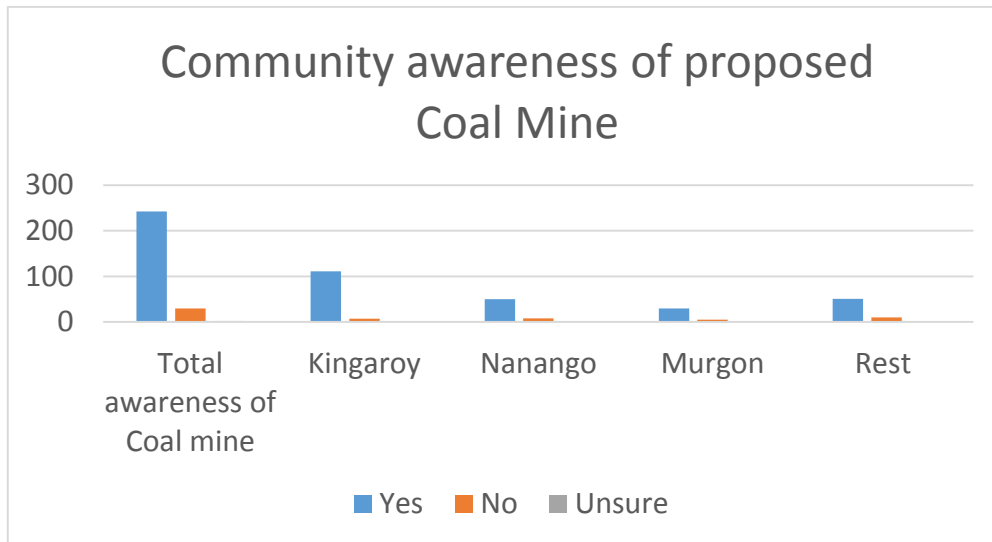
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**Are you aware of the proposal to develop a new coal mine in the South Burnett Region?**

**Galaxy Results**

The Galaxy Research poll revealed that of the 500 South Burnett residents surveyed, **88% are aware of the project**. Taking this representative sample from the survey, this indicates an exceptionally high awareness of this project.



Other Key Statistics offered by Galaxy:

- **65%** of those surveyed were representative of **either Kingaroy or Nanango**
- **51%** in total surveyed were residing within a **township** and **49%** were classed as **rural**

**MRV Tarong Basin Coal Analysis**

The Company is extremely satisfied with this outcome based upon the extensive awareness campaign that has been undertaken since mid-2014. The following activities are attributed to this outcome –

Landholder consultation for over 24 months

Awareness meeting and forums run throughout the entire region totally over 40 sessions over the 2 years.

Over 1000 individual letters sent

Over 36,000 letter box drops

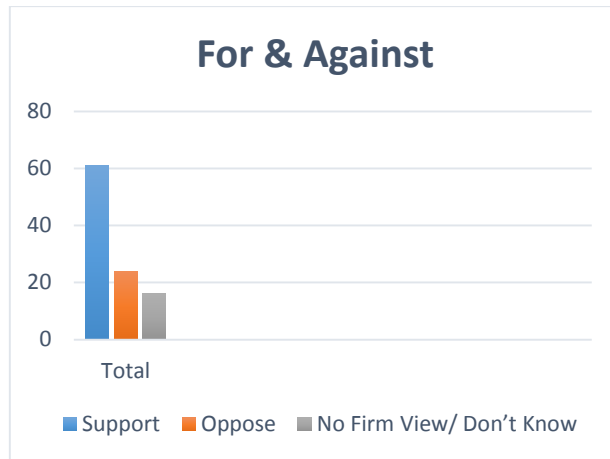
Over approx. 500 personal phone calls

Over 100 personal meetings between company representative and staff

**Are you in support of the project? Or, are you against the project?**

**Galaxy Results**

The Galaxy Research poll revealed that **61%** believe the region will **benefit from a mining operation**, meanwhile just **24% disagree**, and **15% are unsure or do not know**.



Other Key Statistics offered by Galaxy:

- **79%** who support the project, do so because it will **create jobs in the area**
- **32%** point to the potential for **economic growth**
- Of those opposed, **49%** are concerned about the **proximity to town** and the **potential to create dust**
- Other concerns are destruction of **agricultural land were 23 respondents**, **harm to the environment 11 respondents** and **4 respondents had concerns about health implications**.

**MRV Tarong Basin Coal Analysis**

These results showcase the effectiveness of MRV Tarong Basin Coal’s community engagement to date, reinforcing the fact that the project will bring both economic growth and employment opportunities to the South Burnett region.

These statistic’s negate a great deal of print media, which has incorrectly covered an opposition gathering, run by Lock the Gate Affiliates KCCG as stating majority of the region oppose the mine, this is just incorrect at best.

A further compelling statistic that undermines all credibility of media statements and representations recently made to Government Ministers, is the survey results that show of those informed by the **KCCG gathering at the town hall, only 54% of those surveyed oppose the mine**.

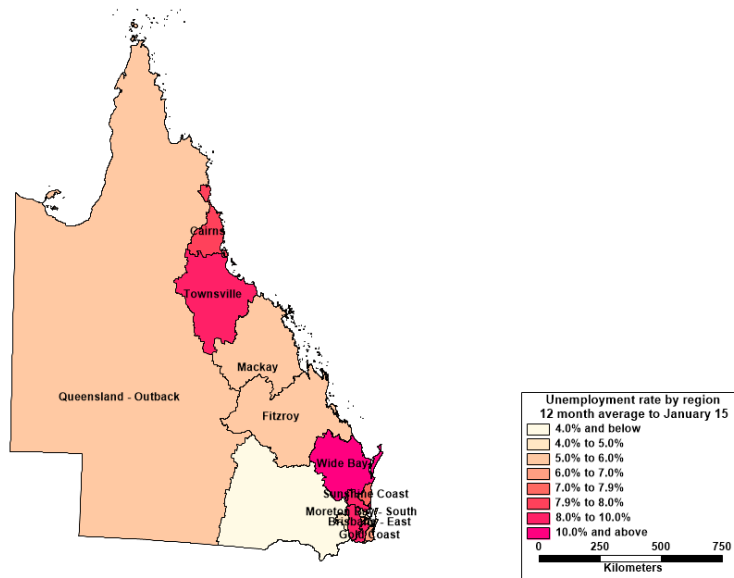
Given the very factually skewed and totally inaccurate basis of much of the information, the Company is extremely confident that these numbers of concerned citizens, will dramatically be reduced as factual information becomes more widely apparent through the approvals process, and through a more proactive approach by the Company.

This is further supported by direct approaches to MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd staff, by members of the public who were disappointed in the KCCG representations at the town hall meeting and the lack of balanced information. These statistics support the view that a large number of those who attended the meeting felt those communications shared on the evening, undermined the credibility of the meeting.

## Unemployment in the Wide Bay region

### Galaxy Results

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Wide Bay region is burdened with the **highest average regional unemployment rate nationwide**.



Other Key Statistics offered by Galaxy:

- **79%** who support the project, are seeking **employment growth within the region**
- In 2015, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) found that the Wide Bay region's **unemployment rate skyrocketed to 14.9%**
- The same ABS data showed the number of **unemployed people** in the Wide Bay region had gone from **9,600 to 18,000**

### MRV Tarong Basin Coal Analysis

As the community struggles with youth unemployment, it is encouraging to see the region take a proactive approach in finding a solution, with **61% holding the belief that the region will benefit from a mining operation**.

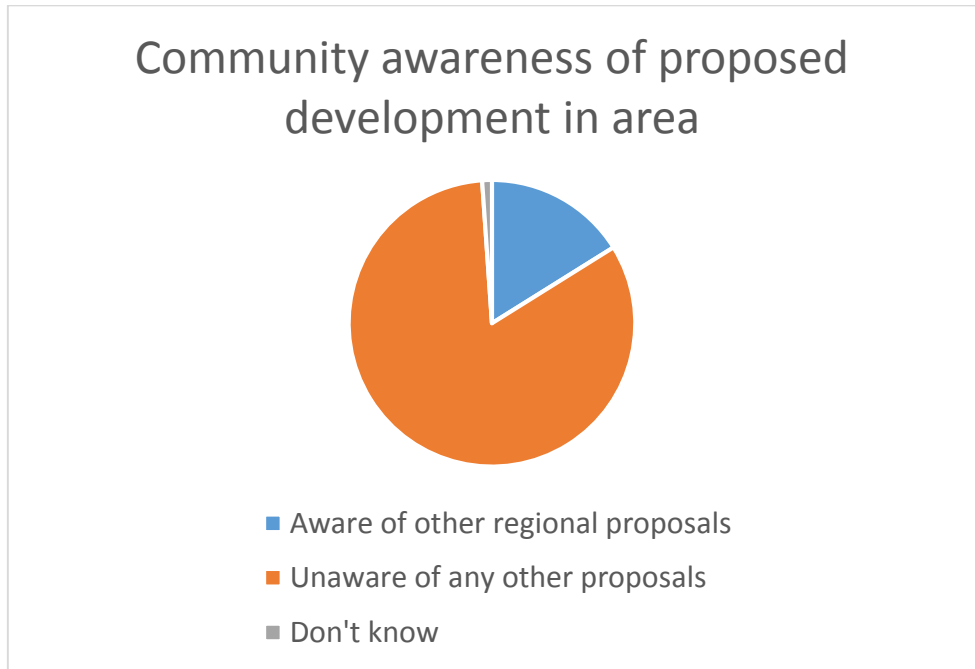
Coal provides around 30% of global primary energy needs, generates over 40% of the world's electricity and is used in the production of 70% of the world's steel. Presently, there are 63 countries worldwide actively constructing or expanding coal-fired power generation capacity. The South Burnett Coal Project will help feed this demand, and as a result improve the employment prospects for the Wide Bay region.

MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd believe that the proposed project will not only provide employment prospects for the South Burnett region, it will also play a vital role in Queensland's positioning as a global hub of industrial services and the continued rise in export coal demand from Australia and in particular Queensland.

## Economic Development of region

### Galaxy Results

The Galaxy Research revealed that of those in favour of the proposed project, **32% were seeking economic development in the region.**



Other Key Statistics offered by Galaxy:

- **16%** of the residents in the South Burnett are aware of **other major proposals for economic development** in the region
- The most well-known other potential prospects were **Gina Rinehart's dairy project** which rated **10 responses** and the potential **Wind Farm** at **4 responses**.
- **3%** were seeking or hopeful of some **stimulus to land values**

### MRV Tarong Basin Coal Analysis

These statistics are reflective of feedback which MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd has received from residents scattered throughout the South Burnett region.

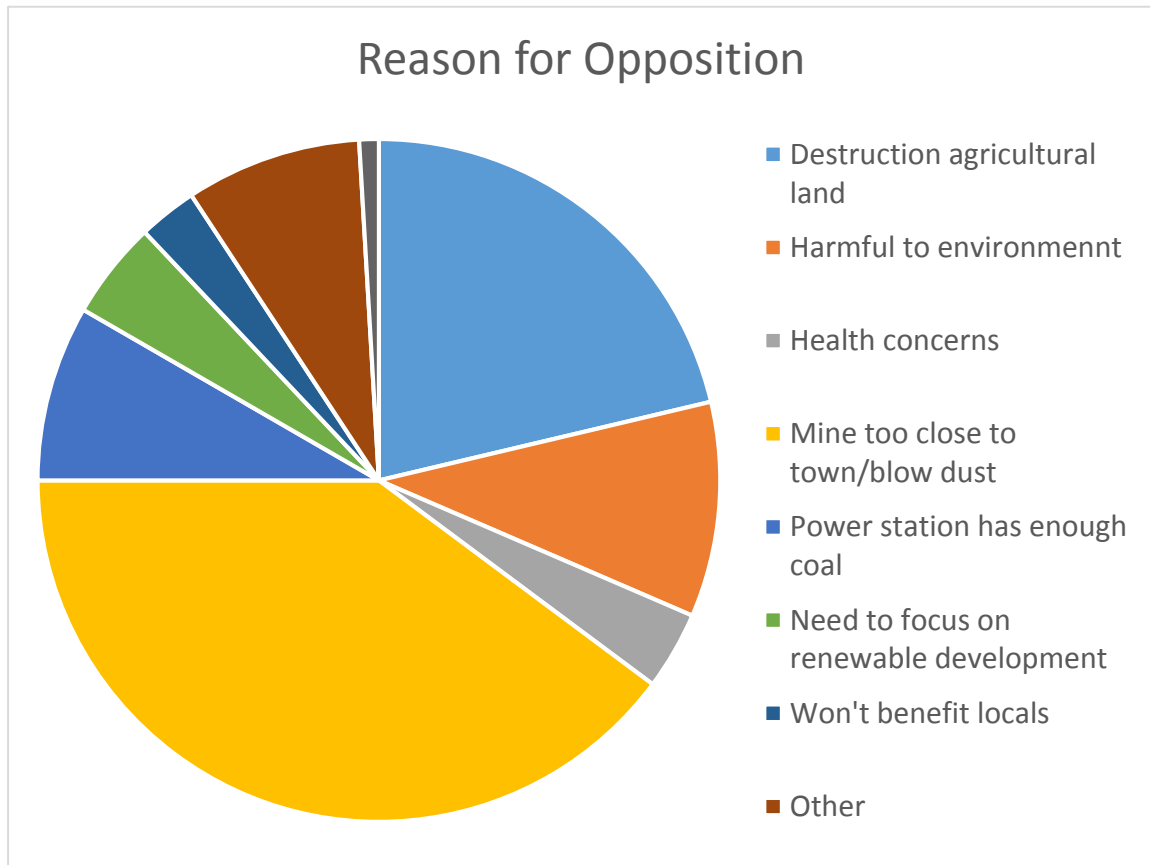
Residents are concerned about their land values, after the Department of Natural Resources and Mines released a statement in March of 2015, stating that land values in the South Burnett Regional Council jurisdiction had decreased by 3.9% since the last annual valuation. This comes on the back of Dept. of Natural Resources data that also indicated land values in **Kingaroy** and **Taabinga** have receded by **-10%** and **-4.7% respectively** in the years from **2011 to 2014**.

MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd believes that through economic development in the region as a result of the proposed project, residents will witness an increase to land values in the South Burnett, as this is reflective of other areas which have co-existed with resource development projects.

## Basis for Project Opposition

### Galaxy Results

**Dust and wind is the primary concern** for opposition to the mine, with approximately half of those who are opposed to mine (**43 people**) listing this as their main concern.



Other Key Statistics offered by Galaxy:

- **23** people were concerned about the **destruction of agricultural land**
- **11** people believed the project would be **harmful to the environment**
- **4** people sighted **health concerns** as a reason

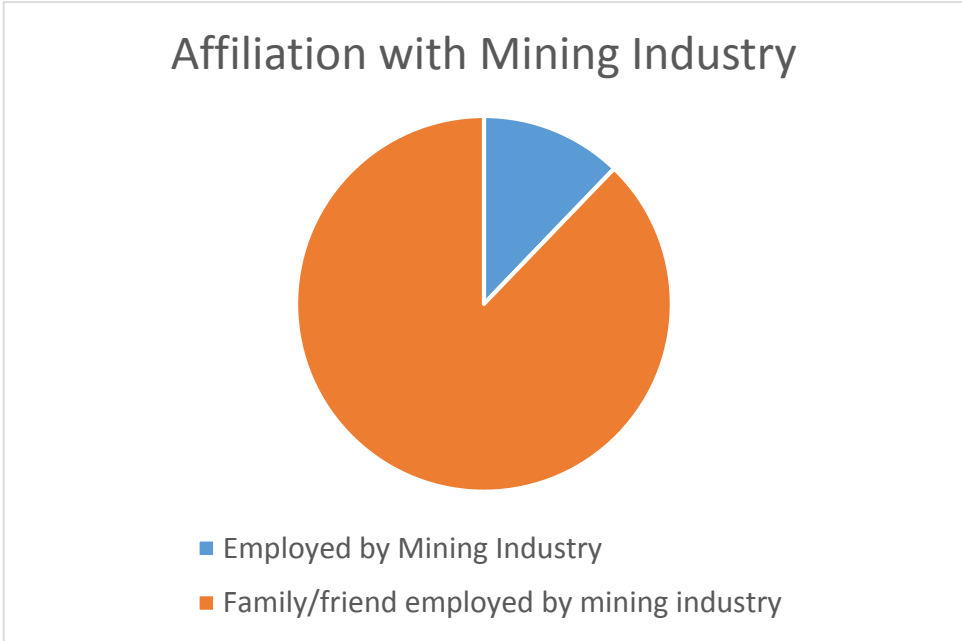
### MRV Tarong Basin Coal Analysis

The company is aware of the misinformation that has been circulating throughout the community in relation to this issue, which has resulted in a lack of awareness. This will form a major part of the Company's engagement strategy moving forward as we aim to ensure that each community member has access to correct and true information. What is highly encouraging, however, is that the Company believes almost half of those opposed will reconsider their position based upon the factual location of the operations and also the base line data that will be collected and made publically available through the approvals process, addressing majority of these concerns.

## Affiliation with Mining Industry

### Galaxy Results

The Galaxy Research survey revealed that **41%** of the South Burnett Community **already has some affiliation with the Mining Industry.**



Other Key Statistics offered by Galaxy:

- **108** people have a **family member or friend** who is **employed by the Mining Industry**

### MRV Tarong Basin Coal Analysis

As a nation that relies so heavily on the resources sector, it was not surprising to see that such a large number of people already have an affiliation with the mining industry.

As we at MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd further progress our project, it is our intention that we hire locally and utilise local businesses and infrastructure. In the future, we expect to see the statistic of 41% increase as we begin to roll out our operations and further engage the wider South Burnett community.

It has always been the mandate of MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd to further the local community through employment prospects and economic development, and we believe the community will reap the benefits of the proposed mining project.

Whilst MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd currently has no local customer, if it were to supersede and current options, staffing and local employment would be migrated and increase jobs drawn from the Community.



This report was prepared by MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd in line with Galaxy Research.

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