

**Re: Cougar Energy Proposed Kingaroy Underground Coal Gasification  
(UCG) Plant**

Kingaroy Concerned Residents Group

**Dear Kingaroy/Coolabunia/Taabinga resident**

Did you know the following about the Cougar Energy proposal?

- Cougar Energy aims to burn 20 000 tonnes of coal underground in its experimental trial plant 5.5 kms from Taabinga village.
- Toxic gases from this process will be burnt and released into the prevailing south-easterly wind over Kingaroy.
- There is a 25 megalitre hazardous waste water dam on the Bellbird Rd trial site.
- In overseas countries this UCG process has caused serious contamination of water supplies as the coal is burnt underground and land subsides.
- Two businesses carry drinking quality water from springs 1.6 kms downhill from the trial site which is on the Stuart River Gordonbrook dam catchment.
- The State Government issued the Environmental Authority (EA) to allow Cougar energy to carry out the experiment without even visiting the site on Bellbird Rd.
- Why is there is no requirement for an Environmental Impact Study for this project (EIS)?
- Cougar Energy have not had to consult with or apply to the local South Burnett Regional Council to carry out their trial/experimental process and construct buildings and roads on the site.
- Cougar Energy are responsible for self-monitoring their trial and report any water or air quality problems to EPA.
- Ultimately Cougar Energy plans a 400mega watt power station 3.1 kms from Taabinga village
- If the power station were to go ahead there would need to be new high voltage powerlines across local land and the mining area will be covered in gas pipes.
- What will this do to your investment and land values in Kingaroy?

This web site is just one that gives more information about the process and its dangers.  
<http://groundtruthtrekking.org/WildResource/Issues/UndergroundCoalGasification.html>

If you are concerned about this project please make your opposition known and contact State Government ministers responsible for allowing this project to go ahead:

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For more information or to discuss the project Gary Tessman Chair Kingaroy Concerned Residents.

**Location of proposed project**

