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Dear Minister,

This letter concerns three matters relating to the Cougar Energy's operations in Kingaroy.

1. Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group (KCCG) has noted your response in parliament on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to a question from our local Member for Nanango, Dorothy Pratt. We are pleased that DERM appears to be demanding full details from Cougar Energy of the failed UCG operation. KCCG obviously has a keen interest in the details being provided by Cougar Energy to DERM.

We would therefore like to know what information DERM has about the technical and scientific aspects of the failed operation so far, and if any of this can be shared with KCCG and the Kingaroy community generally.

2. Your response in Hansard makes mention that the recommendation from the expert reviewing panel about the failed UCG operation being due for release in December 2010.

KCCG would like to invite you and your department to consider releasing the results of that report in Kingaroy so that the community most affected by the report can gain first hand understanding of the pending decision.

3. Finally, the final item discussed at the meeting that you attended in Kingaroy in August centred on the need to develop better standards of community consultation and input during the process of approving EPCs, and also UCG trials such as the Cougar Energy trial in Kingaroy. The point was made that an improved process was needed, and that the development of such guidelines would be one constructive outcome that could originate from the failed UCG trial in Kingaroy.

In response to this point, you said that your department would be interested in engaging with KCCG in such a review of those processes.

This letter is just to confirm that KCCG maintains an interest in beginning this exercise, and would like to extend an invitation to you and your department to

begin discussions about such a review. As suggested at the meeting, our organisation has already begun collating constructive opinions about how to improve the current standards of community involvement in the administration of EPCs and associated trails.

Thank you once again for taking the time to come to Kingaroy for the meeting mentioned above, and also meet with our group at parliament prior to that.

We remain hopeful that the scientific panel that you have appointed will be diligent in its investigation, and that the need for sustainability and environmental protection will be upheld.

Yours faithfully

John Dalton  
(Secretary of Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group)