

SOSLP Actions August 08 onwards – letters, Rivers of Shame II, Blockade

Letters (all contact details on page 2):-

1. In concert with CCAG, we are calling on the Government to

- **enshrine in law the significant contribution of the Liverpool Plains to Australia’s food production**
- **enshrine in law the significance of the Liverpool Plains aquifers to Australia’s food and water security (including the health of the Murray Darling Basin)**
- **Place a moratorium on mining exploration on the Liverpool Plains and undertake an independent, catchment-wide water study NOW.**

Federal

- The Hon. Peter Garrett MP, Minister for the Environment (all contact details at end)
- The Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

State

- The Hon. Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning
- The Hon. Verity Firth MP, Minister for Climate Change & Environment
- The Hon. Ian Macdonald MP, Minister for Mines (also Agriculture but you wouldn’t know it)
- Professor John Williams – National Resources Commissioner, NSW

2. We are calling for coal trains to be covered to stop the spread of toxic coal dust. A sample letter on the website under the SOSLP tab. Send to:-

State

- The Hon. Reba Meagher MP, Minister for Health
- The Hon. Verity Firth, Minister for Climate Change & the Environment, Minister for Women, Minister for Science & Medical Research, Minister for Cancer (take your pick!)
- The Hon. John Watkins MP, Minister for Transport

3. DVD: Get the Rivers of Shame II DVD out there! Get it shown in Sydney schools, country schools, to charity groups, whomever you are networked with. You’ve seen the pollution, you’ve seen the damage, enough is enough. Copies of the DVD will be available at Agquip or via Carol Mackerras/Pauline Roberts.

4. Please feel free to write back to the papers, write letters into the papers, ring the radio stations to play “Bring it On” and also hit talkback if you hear of anything that should be challenged. Speak from the heart and you can’t go wrong!

5. Don’t forget the blockade – if you can give a morning or afternoon that would be great. Take the kids, get a few mums together and have some fun! Contact for the Blockade Roster:

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