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# Water Study

- AC08 – That the Association support and vigorously lobby the State and Federal Governments to commission a fully independent, catchment-wide study of the underground and surface water flows of the Liverpool Plains prior to any further exploration or mining taking place.

## Water Study (cont.)

- AC09 – CR02 – That the Association lobby the NSW Government to impose a moratorium on awarding of coal and gas exploration licences on flood plains with underground aquifer systems in the Murray Darling Basin until the results of the independent catchment-wide study are known.

## Water Study (cont.)

- AC09 – CR04 – That the Association lobby the NSW Government to require that all current and future explorations be conducted in such a way as to contribute accurate and informative data into a catchment-wide independent water study.

# Review of Mining Legislation, Practices & Planning Process

- EC06 – That our Association further investigate and lobby for coal mining practices to be upgraded to make the industry compatible with long term sustainable agricultural production, and the rural communities dependent on that production.

## Review of Mining Legislation (cont.)

- AC08 – That the Association urgently lobby the NSW Government to review the provisions of the Coal Compensation Act 1989, the Mines Subsidence Compensation Act 1961, and the Mining Act 1992 to include assessments of any associated off-site impacts.

## Review of Mining Practices & Planning Process (cont.)

- AC08 – That the Association lobby the NSW Government to compel all methane and other gases released during coal mining to be captured for energy production.

# Prime Agricultural Land

- AC09 – CR01 – That the Association lobby the NSW and Federal Government for the identification and protection of “future food” lands from disruptive or extractive industries to ensure Australia’s future food security.

# Health

- AC09 – CR03 – That the Association lobby the NSW Government to commence and maintain comprehensive health and environment data collection in mining areas across the state.

# AFFF

- AC08 – That the Association pursue, through the AFFF, the possibility of mounting a court challenge opposing provisions under Part 3a of the EP & A Act, which may give mining precedence over farmland.

# Summary of other Mining Policy

- Financial benefits from mining royalties
- Land access agreements
- Mining industry and land management regulations
- Land values and rehabilitation
- Invasion of privacy and independent monitoring
- Buffer zones and OH & S concerns