

As a voter in your electorate Mr Evans, I would like to hear your stance on this please.

Many thanks

Tracy

**Jamie Evans:** It concerns me to read what you have sent me and I for one applaud yours and others people's stance on Nature Reserves. We need to seriously look at how the current government is handing out mining exploration applications on the back of a generous donation to the party in power. To me this is bribery in its inglorious finest and it needs to stop. I lived in Central Qld for 10 years at Mackay where I was a Manager in the local Abattoir. I was also on the Mackay Show committee and there I met a lot of wonderful people, namely Farmers and graziers from the region. I know first-hand how the mining exploration affected these people's livelihood and how it affected the pristine areas of the region. I want my kids to grow up in this beautiful state knowing there are areas untouched by human interference so as to stabilise our biodiverse environment. If I am elected, this is an area of great concern to me and I will lobby for the ceasing of mining exploration applications and also the ceasing of fracking (CSG) operations in all pristine areas of the state. Qld has enough coal mines operating now to fulfil the requirements of overseas customers, we do not need to open up any more. I would also lobby for a funding organisation to ensure that Nature reserves and the people that oversee these areas are funded accordingly to uphold these areas free from government interference. I am passionate about our environment as I seriously want my children to have the chance to see the areas I have seen in their natural beauty, not a coal mine with a stockpile and no trees in sight.