



MEDIA RELEASE - 28 Sept 2010

Mount Morgan Mine Unsuitable for a Dump Site

Capricorn Conservation Council rejects the recent proposals to use the old Mount Morgan mine site as a regional landfill.

"The suggestion shows a lack of understanding of groundwater movement in such deep rock mines," Michael McCabe, CCC Coordinator said today. "At present there are about 10,000 megalitres of acidic water in the Mount Morgan hole. A Queensland Government project is treating this water and gradually lowering its level over the next 10 to 20 years," Mr McCabe said.

Michael McCabe said, "Even if the hole were empty of water now, it is a totally unsuitable site for use as a landfill. Using this old mine as a waste dump would completely derail the government's attempts to rehabilitate the site."

"Likewise the simplistic idea that the final voids of depleted coal mines in the Blackwater area could be used as landfill sites should be totally rejected. Landfill sites need to be properly designed to make them impervious so that contaminants do not leach into the groundwater aquifers," Mr McCabe said.
