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**From:** PARDEY Trent  
**Sent:** Friday, 15 November 2013 2:17 PM  
**To:** LYNCH Paul  
**Subject:** FW: DNRM - more questions re Waratah / Clive Palmer

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**From:** Hanson Anna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 November 2013 10:27 AM  
**To:** PARDEY Trent  
**Subject:** RE: DNRM - more questions re Waratah / Clive Palmer

indeed

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Interesting; thanks for that.

Regards, Trent

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**From:** Hanson Anna  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 November 2013 10:26 AM  
**To:** PARDEY Trent  
**Subject:** RE: DNRM - more questions re Waratah / Clive Palmer

Yep it was Prems

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**To:** Hanson Anna  
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Hi Anna,

Below is the last 'involvement' we've had with Hedley Thomas. Given the order was handed down yesterday and the Qld Gov spokesperson quoted in The Aus talks about that specific order I'm thinking the line must have come from a Ministerial office if your team and Michael O'Meara's weren't involved.

Regards,  
Trent Pardey

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**Subject:** RE: DNRM - more questions re Waratah / Clive Palmer

Hi Anna,

Our Mining team has advised that they believe the issues are all EHP-related. Let me know if your guys feel otherwise. Cheers.

Regards,  
Trent Pardey

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**Subject:** DNRM - more questions re Waratah / Clive Palmer

Afternoon

For your info – the response that went back to Hedley is below.

We're also working on his additional questions. Let us know if you want to contribute to any, cheers.

**Anna Hanson**

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**From:** Thomas, Hedley [<mailto:thomash@theaustralian.com.au>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2013 3:52 PM

**To:** Lynette Keep

**Subject:** RE: Clive Palmer

Thanks Lyn

I am seeking more than that in terms of detail. Take your time because there's no rush. I would prefer to have a lot more detail than a rushed response.

Some questions arising from your lines:

“EHP is aware of approximately 280 exploration holes located on Exploration Permit Coal (EPC) 1040, held by Waratah Coal, which have not been decommissioned.

How old are some of the holes?

What is the breakdown (for example, in 2008, 100 holes drilled, in 2009, ? holes drilled)?

What depths?

What were the conditions when they were drilled – by this, I mean how long after the holes have been abandoned do they need to be decommissioned?

What is the obligation, as prescribed by legislation or the department, on the driller?

What in laymans' terms is meant by 'decommissioned'? What is involved in this process?

Are the holes drilled to a depth where there could be groundwater intermingling (as claimed in the note I sent)?

Does the department have a map showing the hole locations? Can I have a copy?

*At the direction of EHP, Waratah Coal has agreed to undertake rehabilitation of these exploration holes and has provided the department with a program of works.*

*When was the direction given?*

By whom?

In what form?

Which holes have been rehabilitated since the direction?

Under the program of works, when will all the holes be rehabilitated?

Are there any consequences if they are not rehabilitated?

*Waratah Coal is in negotiation with land owners to access land where rehabilitation activities are to occur.*

In terms of the line 'where rehabilitation activities are to occur', why haven't they occurred already?

Cheers

Hedley

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**From:** Lynette Keep [<mailto:Lynette.Keep@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 August 2013 3:39 PM

**To:** Thomas, Hedley

**Subject:** RE: Clive Palmer

Hi Hedley,

Apologies for the delay.

Jane Patterson sent your original inquiry onto me.

Please see below response.

Should you require anything further, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

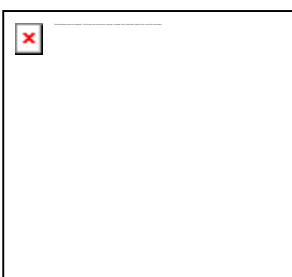
Lyn.....

***Please attribute the following to Executive Director Reuben Carlos, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP):***

"EHP is aware of approximately 280 exploration holes located on Exploration Permit Coal (EPC) 1040, held by Waratah Coal, which have not been decommissioned.

At the direction of EHP, Waratah Coal has agreed to undertake rehabilitation of these exploration holes and has provided the department with a program of works.

Waratah Coal is in negotiation with land owners to access land where rehabilitation activities are to occur.



**Lynette Keep**

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