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Dear Mr Speaker,

Thank you to yourself and Ms Cooper for taking the time to meet with New Hope on Wednesday, 6 May.

For your follow up inquiries about royalties, the New Hope Group pays royalties on every tonne of coal it produces according to the law.

In many old land title areas in Queensland, (pre 1910) royalties are sometimes required to be paid to private landowners if they have title to the subsurface. This is the case at Acland.

The payment of royalties is very hard to calculate.

It depends on what tonnages are mined and produced when, from which specific areas of the mining lease the coal is produced, the coal price and exchange rate.

However, an estimate can be made by considering the ownership of land and strata title of coal blocks.

Based on these land area calculations the estimated average royalty split from New Acland Stage 3 is:

- New Hope Group 77%
- Other land owners 16%
- State 7%.

It should be remembered that in addition to royalties there are many other benefits to the local community, region and state that Acland Stage 3 will bring.

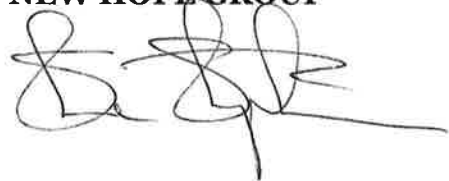
As well as employment and community benefits the New Acland Stage 3 Project will provide a boost of \$12 billion to the local, state and national economies over the life of the mine as detailed in the EIS.

These flow-on benefits include infrastructure and equipment capital, direct wages, the ongoing provision of goods and services, coal transport costs, taxes as well as royalties.

I hope this information is of assistance.

I would also like to again extend the invitation for you both to visit the New Acland Coal Mine to witness our mining and agricultural operations whenever time may permit.

Yours faithfully,  
**NEW HOPE GROUP**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Stephan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Shane Stephan**  
Chief Executive Officer